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Sex abuse suit filed vs Bishop Camacho

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REPORTER

A Guam resident filed a sexual abuse lawsuit against bishop emeritus Tomas A. Camacho yesterday regarding allegations that date back several decades ago, making Camacho the first clergy member from the CNMI to be embroiled in a contro-



Camacho

versy that has hounded the Roman Catholic Church.

Last year, Guam's Catholic community was rocked by several allegations of similar sexual abuse by then archbishop Anthony S. Apuron. Guam and the CNMI are both predominantly Catholic and tight-knit communities.

Most Rev. Archbishop Savio Hon Tai Fai, then serving as the Archdio-

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EPA: CUC loses 70-75 pct. of its water

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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. loses about 70 - 75 percent of the drinking water it produces and incurs substantial unrecovered costs, according to U.S. Environmental Protection Agency inspector John Tinger.

The loss means that only 25 to 30 percent of CUC's water is billed to customers and generates revenue, Tinger said in his declaration in federal court.

Drinking water supplies have also been identified as a critical need that is exacerbated by the CNMI's growing economy and ex-

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2017 ITHEATRICS JUNIOR THEATER FESTIVAL WEST Saipan students win national awards



The cast of Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands pose with their Outstanding Production trophy.
JAMES BARKER PHOTOGRAPHY

Students from Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands on Saipan won a Freddie G Outstanding Production group award and the CNMI's Jonathan Wolf won the All Festival Performance Male Award at the 2017 iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival West, which happened Feb. 10-12, 2017 in Sacramento, CA, USA.

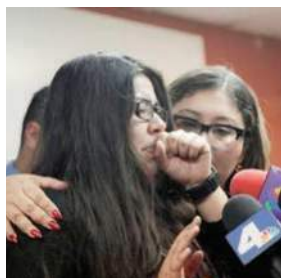
As one of just six schools from across the country to win a Freddie G Outstanding Production Award, the students performed a song from their production for all 1,500 attendees at the Junior Theater Festival closing On Friday, Feb. 10, JTF West offered programming exclusively for

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From left: Broadway performer Ryann Redmond (*If/Then, Bring It On The Musical*), the CNMI's Jonathan Wolf, and Broadway performer Luca Padovan (*Newsies, School of Rock!*)
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Local

M/V *Luta* custodian sues Yamamoto in Florida

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The Florida-based custodian of cargo ship M/V *Luta* has filed a lawsuit against Japanese investor Takahisa Yamamoto before the U.S. District Court Southern District of Florida for alleged

edly failing to pay \$123,999 in custodial fees.

Attorney Sean Frink, counsel for National Maritime Services Inc., informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday about NMS' lawsuit against Yamamoto in Florida.

NMS, through Patrick E.

Novak, filed the lawsuit last Jan. 25, suing Yamamoto for breach of contract.

Novak filed a lawsuit against M/V *Luta* and the vessel was then arrested in the Port of Saipan.

Novak said at Yamamoto's request, NMS was appointed

the substitute custodian for M/V *Luta*.

Novak said pursuant to the commercial vessel custody agreement, NMS provided vessel arrest and custody services to the vessel from Oct. 23, 2016, through Jan. 23, 2017, and continue to provide

such services to the ship.

The lawyer said as of the filing of this complaint, NMS remains the substitute custodian for M/V *Luta*.

Novak said despite demands for payment, Yamamoto has failed to pay.

At a hearing on Friday, Frink informed U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood that the custodian fees now amount to \$189,323.

Yamamoto paid only the initial payment of \$30,000.

On Friday, Tydingco-Gate-

wood directed Yamamoto to pay by today, Tuesday, \$130,406 as his share in the \$189,323 in custodial fees. Three other groups were also ordered to pay their share in custodial fees.

Tydingco-Gatewood said after amount is paid to NMS, M/V *Luta* would be released back to its owner, Luta Mermaid LLC and the Mendiolas.

Abelina T. Mendiola is president of Luta Mermaid; Luta Mermaid's members are Deron T. Mendiola and Fidel S. Mendiola III.

201 ink BIG petition supporting new Tinian casino

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A company that is looking to build a \$130-million Titanic-themed resort and casino on Tinian has garnered a total of 201 signatories to a petition it started to support its project.

Bridge Investment Group LLC started the petition last Feb. 3. So far it has garnered 201 supporters as of 7pm last night.

BIG's project has been stalled due to a lack of permits arising from the nature of the establishment and the definition of port-related activity. It has been constantly unclear to the government agencies involved about what exactly are the limitations of port-related activity.

According to BIG chief executive officer Philip Men-

diola-Long, BIG is looking to get Tinian out of the economic slump that it is currently experiencing by providing a reliable means of transportation to and from Tinian.

"We are investing on Tinian and in the community. One of our projects is the [roll-on/roll-off] ferry and included in that is the ferry terminal," said Mendiola-Long in an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune*.

Mendiola-Long also shared that BIG has already purchased a 50-meter ferry for the project.

Along with boosting the economic activity on Tinian, Mendiola-Long believes that having a type of ferry service could benefit the tourism of the CNMI, the main revenue source of the CNMI economy.

"Tourism will also benefit from the ferry aside from an increase in inter-island commerce," he said.

In a separate interview, Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Chris Concepcion agrees with Mendiola-Long.

According to Concepcion, MVA has received multiple inquiries about transportation to and from Rota and Tinian.

"There have been repeated inquiries regarding ferry transportation from Saipan—vehicle ferries in particular—to enable tourists and residents from Saipan to bring their vehicles onboard, spend the day or more on Tinian, and help spread some of the revenue being produced and spent on Saipan to our sister islands in the south," said Concepcion, adding that MVA fully supports the ferry.

"The MVA is ready to help promote and market this attraction to tourists who visit the Marianas should this type of investment take place," he said.

To view or sign the petition, log on to <https://www.change.org/p/cnmi-government-support-b-i-g-developments-on-tinian>.



CASINO TOUR

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Members of the CNMI House of Representatives toured on Friday afternoon the construction site of the \$550-million Imperial Pacific Resort and Hotel. In this photo, wearing hard hats and safety vests Rep. Blas Jonathan Attao, minority leader Edmund S. Villagomez, Rep. Alice S. Igitol, and Rep. Joseph P. Deleon Guerrero tour the inside of the main building of the mega-million Garapan project of the Hong Kong-based investment giant.

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Kimco Enterprises working to open zipline project

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The Commonwealth Zoning Board has given Kimco Enterprises, Inc. the go-signal for a zipline project at Chalan Santa Lourdes.

The site measures approximately 50,000 square meters and will cost about \$550,000.

Jae Yeol Lim, the contact person of Kimco, applied for this same project with Zoning back in 2013 and was approved, but it was not able to meet the conditions back then.

"I was designing the project alone in 2013. I felt the design was too sloppy. I wanted to clean it up more and make sure it was safer," said Lim.

The zipline will have seven towers to operate the cables. It will have a total of a 10-minute zip time. There

OAG: Carolinian customary relationships that are not solemnized aren't marriages

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Carolinian customary relationships that are not solemnized are not marriages, according to the Office of the Attorney General.

On the other hand, Carolinian customary relationships that are solemnized are marriages, according to OAG Civil Division chief Christopher M. Timmons.

Timmons discussed Carolinian marital practices in the government's opposition to Remedio Elameto and Pedro Pua's brief pertaining to the validity of Carolinian customary marriages.

Timmons said Elameto and Pua ask the Superior Court to make findings on the issue of Carolinian customary marriages in response to the government's motion to dismiss their lawsuit, even though the two pleaded a different theory of marriage in their complaint, and even though the facts they pleaded clearly establish that they did not conduct a solemnization as required by the Commonwealth's marital statutes.

For this reason, Timmons said, the court should dismiss Pua's complaint for loss of consortium.

Elameto and her common-law husband, Pua, are suing the CNMI government and two former Commonwealth Health Center doctors, Rajee Iyer and Gary Ramsey, for medical malpractice, bad faith, and emotional distress and loss of consortium.

Elameto claimed that a surgical team at CHC allegedly left a 15-centimeter-long surgical clamp in her abdomen during a surgery in August 2000.

Almost 14 years later, in June 2014, the surgical clamp

will be blue and red lights to indicate the safety of taking off and landing. The Korean Conformity Laboratory certifies the equipment safe. They will have fall prevention straps and fall prevention nets. The zipline will move at a speed of 23 mph. The maximum load is 240 and the minimum is 80. "If the person weighs less than 80 lbs, they will move at a slower speed or the wind can push them backwards," Lim said.

There is a minimum age requirement of 8 years old. However, Kimco will be working with a double harness that would allow children to ride along with an adult.

"The past application was approved on the grounds that the applicant meets the public's safety. So I am glad that the applicant has come back with a more detailed plan," said Zoning chair Diego Blanco.

was discovered and removed at the Guam Memorial Hospital, Elameto said.

The CNMI government, through the OAG, moved to dismiss the lawsuit.

The plaintiffs, through counsel Claire Kelleher-Smith, opposed the motion to dismiss.

In the government's and co-defendants' brief filed on Friday, Timmons said Elameto and Pua failed to plead a theory of Carolinian customary marriage in their complaint and instead, they claimed that they were common-law spouses.

Timmons said plaintiffs argue that because Carolinian customary relationships are not solemnized, the phrase "solemnized in accordance with recognized customs" in the statute is a contradiction in terms when applied to Carolinians.

"But while some traditional Carolinian relationships did not involve solemnization, many did," he pointed out.

Timmons summarized that "solemnized in accordance with recognized customs" is not an oxymoron when applied to Carolinians.

He cited that 8CMC Section 1205 permits relationships to be recognized as marriages if they are solemnized in accordance with such recognized Carolinian customs as feasts and ceremonial gift exchanges.

"It does not permit relationships to be recognized as marriages if they are not solemnized at all," he said, adding that because Elameto and Pua argue that their marriage was by common law, they assert that their marriage contained no ceremony, and therefore, it is not recognized by the statute.

ing chair Diego Blanco.

The zipline project proposes a parking lot of 18 spaces.

Zoning vice chair Bruce Bateman expressed concern about buses and vans from

CNMI to be represented in CCSSO conference

The CNMI Public School System would be represented in the legislative conference for the Council of Chief State School Officers, or CCSSO, in March 2017.

Associate commissioner Yvonne Pangelinan (for the office of student and support services) confirmed that Education Commissioner Cynthia Deleon Guerrero and associate commission-

ers Lynnette Villagomez and Jackie Quitugua would be going to the conference.

Pangelinan stressed the importance of the CCSSO legislative conference for the CNMI.

"These [conferences] are focused on critical matters regarding guidelines, expectations, funding and implications for students, including students with disabilities,

different tour agencies. Lim explained, "We will provide our own pickup and drop-off system. We would not accept any walk in. You must make a

reservation."

Construction would begin by the end of March. Opening may be about November or December this year.

English language learners, homeless youth and under-represented populations," said Pangelinan in an email.

"Our participation in the dialogue is critical to all of our federal programs in the CNMI. I cannot emphasize that enough," she added.

Despite also receiving an invitation, Pangelinan would not be able to go but said she looks forward to contributing from home.

"Since my participation

has not been approved, I will not be joining the team, but I intend to actively contribute to the work from here in the CNMI," she said.

The CCSSO is a nationwide nonprofit organization of public officials heading departments of elementary and secondary education in the U.S. and its territories.

The CCSSO is comprised of every chief state school officer in the U.S. and its territories. (Erwin Encinares)

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US officials stop vetting Nauru refugees for resettlement

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—U.S. officials stopped screening refugees for potential resettlement in the United States this week but will return to the Pacific atoll of Nauru to continue working toward a deal that President Donald Trump has condemned as “dumb,” an Australian minis-

ter said Thursday.

Immigration Minister Peter Dutton would not say when U.S. Department of Homeland Security officials would return to Nauru to conduct what Trump describes as “extreme vetting.”

Trump made enhanced screening a condition for

agreeing to honor an Obama administration deal to accept up to 1,250 refugees refused entry into Australia. Australia pays Nauru and Papua New Guinea to keep more than 2,000 asylum seekers—mostly from Iran, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka—in conditions condemned by rights groups.

The process of “extreme vetting” has yet to be explained.

U.S. officials were sent to Nauru within days of the deal’s announcement in November after the U.S. presidential election. But they left this week with arrangements under a cloud.

Rayn U. Soliman, Jonathan Wolf, and Kristine Wolf.

Andrew Keenan-Bolger (*Tuck Everlasting*, *Newsies*); songwriting team Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich (*Dear Edwina*, *Junie B. Jones*); Shoshana Bean (*Wicked*, *Hairspray*; Ryann Redmond (*If/Then*, *Bring It On The Musical*); Luca Padovan (*Newsies*, *School of Rock!*); songwriter and music director Rob Rokicki (*The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* running Off-Broadway at the Lucille Lortel Theatre this March), composer/lyricist Matthew Lee Robinson (*Atlantis*, *Happy People*); Dean McFlicker, dancer, choreographer and senior vice president and creative director of original production, live events and promotional programming at NBC Entertainment (*Hairspray! Live*), and composer, music director, orchestrator Deborah Wicks La Puma (*Making Paradise: The West Hollywood Musical*, Cornerstone Theater Company) were some of the celebrities at the festival cheering the students on.

At the festival, students and teachers also took part in professional development and workshops honing skills on and offstage. Most importantly they had the opportunity to connect with hundreds of fellow educators, students and working artists who share their passion for theater. **(PR)**

ing your way!”

Added Cerniglia, “We enjoyed wonderful, rich theatrical storytelling from an ensemble of just six! Their big voices were very clean and so enjoyable! And the fact that they traveled so far meant so much to everyone here.”

Wolf and Amber Isabella Liwag were named to the Junior Theater Festival All-Stars, made up of outstanding performers attending the festival. The All-Stars performed a song during the closing ceremony for all 1,500 festival attendees.

The 2017 iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival West was a first-time event.

Since 2003 iTheatrics has produced the iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival Atlanta, the world’s largest festival celebrating young people and the transformative power of musical theater. The January 2017 iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival Atlanta united 6,000-plus students and educators from 115 educational musical theater groups. JTF Atlanta and JTF West’s title sponsors are Music Theatre International, Disney Theatrical Group, and Playbill, Inc.

The students who traveled to the iTheatrics Junior Theater Festival West on behalf of Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands are Harold Easton, Juliet Darluez Inocencio, Amber Isabella Liwag, Frances Elizabeth Pliscou, Bonnie Gio Sagana, Amy

students presented 15 minutes from a musical in Music Theatre International’s Broadway Junior library of titles for adjudication by a panel of leaders in education and theater.

The Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands students presented selections from *Into the Woods JR.* for Dean McFlicker, dancer, choreographer and senior vice president and creative director of original production, live events and promotional programming at NBC Entertainment (*Hairspray Live!* executive producer); Ken Cerniglia, Disney Theatrical Group dramaturg and literary manager, and Cindy Ripley, an educational consultant for iTheatrics and member of the 2005 USA Today All Star Teaching team.

They received feedback on their connection to the material, story-telling, movement, music, acting and ensemble work.

Said Ripley, “Thespians of the Western Pacific Islands’ gave one of the most riveting performances of *Into the Woods* I have ever seen, and that includes professional productions. They had immaculate staging with this stellar group of six.”

Added McFlicker, “Amazing! Six performers felt like 60 on stage. Every one of them delivered. They were articulated and clear and strong. Jonathan Wolf is a star in the making. Watch out Broadway, he should be com-

proved CUC’s proposed leak detection and repair program on Aug. 6, 2014, and that CUC has not responded to EPA’s disapproval.

Stipulated order 1 also requires CUC to have an EPA-approved drinking water and wastewater master plan to determine current and future infrastructure needs for a 20-year period, and to provide a long-term plan for CUC’s drinking water and wastewater system improvements.

After substantial discussions and EPA’s initial disapproval of CUC’s draft master plan, EPA conditionally approved the master plan on Nov. 14, 2016.

Tinger said EPA did not fully approve CUC’s draft master plan because CUC did not commit to fund and implement the master plan requirements, such as repairing or replacing the drinking water

system to ensure adequate quantity and quality.

Instead, Tinger said, CUC had said that complying with the master plan depends on federal government funding.

EPA asked CUC to provide an addendum to the draft master plan to address EPA’s concerns and to include CUC’s commitment to implement the master plan.

Tinger said that prior to the entry of stipulated order 1, only 26 percent of Saipan’s population experienced continuous 24-hour drinking water service.

CUC’s response is due March 13, 2017.

He said within five years of the entry of stipulated order 1 and with improvements funded substantially by EPA, the availability of 24-hour Saipan drinking water service reached 94 percent in 2013.

However, the EPA inspector

said, in 2014 the availability of 24-hour drinking water fell to 73 percent.

He said that, in December 2016, 24-hour Saipan drinking water service increased to 81 percent but is still below the 94 percent standard reached in 2013.

Customers on Tinian and Rota enjoy 24-hour drinking water service.

Tinger said CUC is still unable to install water meters and accurately bill customers.

According to CUC, in 2015, up to 4,000 out of approximately 9,000 accounts had malfunctioning meters, Tinger said.

He said CUC reported in 2016 that CUC funded approximately 2,000 new meters; however, CUC’s Jan. 17, 2017, report does not provide further updates on the 2,000 new meters or provide a comprehensive accounting of the water metering program.

“I don’t have any comment to make in relation to when U.S. officials will be on Nauru next,” Dutton told reporters. “There have been officials there who have left ... in the last couple of days and we would expect other officials to be there in due course.”

Refugee Action Coalition

spokesman Ian Rintoul said most of refugees on Nauru who had been accepted by the United States as candidates for resettlement had initial interviews with U.S. officials in what they had been told was a two-step process.

But there have been no second interviews so far, Rintoul said.

ERRATUM

In the story, “Cashiers get to choose who to card,” it was mentioned that Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed House Bill 19-141, HD1, SS1 into law. It was actually acting governor Victor B. Hocog who signed the bill into Public Law 19-84. We regret the error.

SEX

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cese of Agana’s apostolic administrator, urged Pope Francis to remove Apuron from his post because of the allegations.

Most. Rev. Archbishop Michael J. Byrnes was appointed Coadjutor Archbishop of the archdiocese on Oct. 31, 2016.

Retired priest Rev. Fr. Louis Brouillard and several John Does were included in the lawsuit filed by Melvin Duenas in the U.S. District Court of Guam.

Child sexual abuse, negligence, negligent supervision, negligent hiring and retention, and breach of fiduciary duty/confidential relationship are the verified complaints listed by Duenas in the lawsuit.

Duenas allegedly claims that the sexual abuse started when he was around 10 years while serving as the chief altar boy at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Inarajan. He would sleep at the rectory’s guest room after Camacho obtained permission from his father.

Duenas stated in the complaint that Camacho used the excuse that it would be convenient for him to perform his duties if he sleeps at the guest room since the chief altar boy is a demanding job. He would serve every Mass and on special occasions like weddings, funerals, and baptisms.

His other duties included preparing for Mass, ringing the church bell three times a day, refilling the Mass wine, setting up the chalice, preparing the incense, feeding the priests, washing the vehicles, and cleaning the church, kitchen, rectory, and priests’ quarters.

He said that the alleged sexual abuse took place while he was living at the Inarajan rectory, between the ages of 10 to 13 from 1971 to 1974.

Duenas, in his affidavit, said Camacho repeatedly sexually molested and raped him. He said the then-priest would invite him to his bedroom and lock it while forcing the altar boy to undress. He would then stand naked in front of Camacho and he would be free to return to his room after the

alleged sexual act. This allegedly happened on an almost nightly basis.

Duenas also claims that Camacho raped him several times where he could not free himself despite resisting the priest’s sexual advances.

Aside from being Inarajan Parish’s chief altar boy, Duenas was also required to occasionally serve during Masses at the San Isidro Catholic Church of Malojloj during special events held by the Sisters of Mercy.

Brouillard was then a priest at Malojloj Parish and Duenas claims that the former was allegedly completely naked under his vestments while saying Mass. Brouillard would also allegedly sexually abuse and molest Duenas in occasions when he was serving as an altar boy.

Duenas was also a member of the Boy Scouts of America’s Guam chapter where Brouillard was the scoutmaster. They would practice marching at the Malojloj Parish’ parking lot and after the drills they would occasionally go to the nearby Carmelite Monastery Convent where Brouillard was residing at that time.

Brouillard would allegedly routinely display pornography in his and the other boys’ presence. His sexual abuse and molestation of Duenas allegedly happened numerous times.

Duenas, in order to escape the harrowing ordeal, ran away from the Inarajan Parish’s rectory sometime between 1974 to 1975. He never saw Camacho or Brouillard after that, with the former returning to Saipan and was consecrated bishop on Jan. 13, 1985, two months after the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa was established.

Duenas claimed that he tried reaching out to Camacho when he was around 45 or 46 years old or about 2006 or 2007 while he was on Saipan in order to seek closure. He wrote notes, left his telephone numbers, and even emailed the diocese but received no response until this time.

Brouillard, on the other hand, admitted sexually abusing boys in a written statement on Oct. 3, 2016.

EPA

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panded tourism, said Tinger in the declaration that is attached to the U.S. government’s February 2017 status report pertaining to CUC projects.

Causes of the water loss include leaks in the distribution system, non-metered customers such as agriculture interests, broken or inaccurate meters, and illegal connections.

The court’s stipulated order number 1 requires CUC to have an EPA-approved plan and schedule to perform detection and repair of leaks in the drinking water distribution system, and to identify and eliminate subsurface connections to old drinking water lines or pipes that may negatively impact the quality of water in the distribution system.

Tinger said EPA disap-

24 to represent islands in int'l theater festival

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Twenty-four high school students from different public schools will represent the islands in theatrical events at the International Thespian Festival this June in Lincoln, Nebraska.

The students will be traveling to the U.S. after garnering enough medals to qualify for the regional competition and winning in their categories with a superior ranking among other public and private school students. The events range from monologue and duet acting to solo musical and group musical.

The Marianas High School Rhythm 'N Harmony will represent the islands for the seventh time in group musical with their coach Paul Dujua. The members include Joselle Reyes, Miguel Aninon, Rinisa Torres, Clarisse Torio, Grace Catalma, Malua Hosono, John Huevos, Diane Hermogenes, Eden Conner, Roland Balajadia, Leonard Manuel, Charley Sablan, Erica Tubera, Jordan Ocaya, and James Reyes.

Joselle Reyes, president of Rhythm 'N Harmony, always feels "a rush of adrenaline"



whenever the group gets to represent the CNMI.

Reyes, a senior, says her only goal is "to make this trip to Nebraska a memorable one for my newest members going on the trip for the very first time as well as for my veteran members who I will be sharing my last festival experience with."

Kagman High School's

Edson Valdisimo will be representing the islands in monologue; it will be his first time representing the islands at Thespian. Valdisimo hopes to improve his performance skills and public speaking.

Kagman High School's Elizabeth Rose Jones will represent the islands in solo mu-

sical. Marianas High School dominated the event, winning a majority of the events.

Deirdre Rosete and Myka Villegas will represent for duet acting.

"Our goal is to further grow as actors and build up our experience in the performing arts," Villegas said. "Deirdre and I are so thankful and glad for this

opportunity, especially going there to perform together."

YUUKI NISHIDA

Twenty-four high school students will be representing the islands at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska, this June.

Thespian veteran Ariane Reyes will represent for theatre costume design. John Lu will represent scenic design. Patricia Padiernos and Kean-dre Deseo will present their film at the festival. Julia Espino will represent the islands for theater marketing.

"It's an immense privilege to be a part of the CNMI team once again and competing against the students who will gather at the International Thespian Festival in Lincoln, Nebraska," Espino said.

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Former Telesource allegedly owes NMI \$5M in taxes

The former Telesource CNMI Inc. allegedly owes the CNMI Department of Finance's Division of Revenue and Taxation \$4,595,410 in taxes for tax period ended in 2011, 2012, and 2015.

Finance filed on Thursday a notice of tax lien against Telesource CNMI before the U.S. District Court for the NMI.

According to court documents, taxes, including interest and penalties, have been

assessed against Telesource CNMI, but that demand for payment remains unpaid.

"Therefore there is a lien in favor of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands on all property and

rights to property belonging to this taxpayer for the amount of these taxes and any additional penalties, interest, and costs that may accrue," said Revenue and Taxation collection branch manager Richard Santos in the notice.

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Santos said Telesource CNMI owes corporate income tax in the amount of \$5,593,827 for tax period ended in 2012; manufacturing and wholesaling tax, \$1,489 ended in 2011; and monthly business gross revenue tax, \$94 ended in 2015.

enue tax, \$94 ended in 2015.

A former employee of Telesource CNMI has disclosed in court documents filed in federal court that Telesource has changed its name to Pernix Group Inc. and has offices in Fiji Islands and Illinois. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

USS Lake Champlain crew visits SDA School

By DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO
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REPORTER

Sailors from the USS *Lake Champlain* paid a visit to Seventh Day Adventist School yesterday.

Sgt. A.J. Grant, the vessel's chaplain, said their school outreach is part of their community relationship service project.

"This is our way to give back to the beautiful people of Saipan and to get to know the ways of the island as well," he said.

The sailors gave presentations to students from Kindergarten through sixth grade. They would introduce themselves and tell the students what they do. The students were shocked to find out that the sailors have limited access

to cell phones on the vessel.

"We do not have WiFi, but there are 'some' internet access," said Petty Officer Third Class Jacob Perrine as he was presenting to a fifth grade class.

The sailors were also able to play with the students on the playground and give a mini-Physical Training test.

The USS *Lake Champlain* is a Ticonderoga-class cruiser in the US. Navy. It holds about 432 crewmembers. This was the first time for the vessel to dock on Saipan and a first time for a lot of the crewmembers to come to Saipan as well.

"When we dock into a place, I personally like to see the nature of the place. So the other day, some of my mates and I went for a run to PauPau

Beach, and I can say, Saipan is beautiful, peaceful. It was a good run," Perrine said.

"Our students seem to always enjoy the Navy visitations that we have. They enjoy hearing about their lives out on the ocean and are fascinated by the fact that they are out on the ocean for so long and take interest in what they do in the middle of the ocean all day," said PR assistant Meghann Heinrich.

Petty officer Jacob Perrine gives a presentation to 5th graders at Seventh Day Adventist School on Monday, Feb. 13, 2017.

DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO



**COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORPORATION
PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY**

**INVITATION TO BID
ITB17-CHCC/PHEP-001**

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: MARCH 06, 2017 **TIME: 1:00PM**
OPENING DATE: MARCH 06, 2017 **TIME: 1:00PM**

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/S/ ESTHER L. MUNA
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

/S/ JESUS D. BABAUTA
ACTING CHCC DIRECTOR OF P&S



MEET-AND-GREET

The 13 candidates of the United Filipino Organizations' Miss *Pusong Pinoy* beauty pageant pose with, center left, Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua, and Miss Teen Marianas Palanga Taimanao, at the meet-and-greet at McDonald's in Gualo Rai last week.

DEMALYNN S. PAGARAO

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/HPO-089

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 07, 2017 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY, CAPITOL HILL AREA, SAIPAN CNMI,
A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE"**

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENSION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

ALL INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO MS. MERTIE KANI, DIRECTOR OF HPO AT mtkani.cnmi@hpo.gov.mp AND MR. JAMES R. PRUITT, STAFF ARCHAEOLOGIST AT jpruitt.cnmi@hpo.gov.mp NO LATER THAN **4:30 PM, LOCAL TIME, FEBRUARY 23, 2017.**

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ ROBERT H. HUNTER
SECRETARY OF DCCA

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

**PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
CNMI GOVERNMENT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL**

RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/HPO-090

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 7, 2017 **TIME: 10:00 A.M.**

**"INTENSIVE-LEVEL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF 50 HECTARES OF
PUBLIC LAND LOCATED IN THE CAROLINAS HEIGHTS REGION, TINIAN, CNMI
A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE"**

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**INVITATION FOR BIDS
PROJECT NO.: CPA-IFB-004-17**

SUBMISSION DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2017 **TIME: 4:00 P.M.**

**"PROCUREMENT OF ONE (1) UNIT VEHICLE:
2017 ACCESS CAB P/U TRUCK, 4-CYLINDER 4WHEEL
DRIVE, AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, AIR-CONDITIONING,
POWER WINDOWS/DOORS, ALL OTHER FEATURES
AS PER FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS AND TO INCLUDE
INSTALLATION OF A NEW BED-FITTED
ALUMINUM TOOL BOX"**

DELIVERY OF VEHICLE TO SAIPAN AIRPORT SHALL BE 60 DAYS OR SOONER AFTER BID AWARD. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROCUREMENT SHALL BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING VIA EMAIL AT cpa.receptionist@pticom.com PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 17, 2017.

BIDDERS ARE TO SUBMIT ONE ORIGINAL BID AND 2 COPIES IN A SEALED ENVELOPE AND MARKED:

"PROCUREMENT OF ONE UNIT 2017 ACCESS CAB P/U TRUCK". BIDDERS SHALL TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION ALL CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROCUREMENT BEFORE FINALIZING ITS BID PRICE.

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CPA PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 540-50-1020 AND 540-50-1025 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing on the Saipan International Real Estate Development Corporation, Ltd. (SIREDC) proposed changes to the Ocean Vista Resort project under CRM permit amendment application number SMS-2015-X-010, Amendment 2017-1 and the Tai Su International Development, Inc. proposed Beach Road Ocean View Resort project under CRM permit application number SMS-2016-X-076.

The CRM permit amendment application for the Ocean Vista Resort in Capitol Hill, Saipan, was submitted on January 04, 2017 for the proposed changes as follows: (1) To expand and move the main hotel building further to the southwest and reduced car parking to the rear of the hotel block; (2) To include guest rooms to the back of the main hotel building; (3) To move the villas to the front of the property along the main road; (4) To increase green space of the development by reducing the vehicle parking footprint by including a two-storey garage; (5) To relocate the swimming pool outside; and (6) To add a wedding chapel. The proposed changes to the Ocean Vista Resort project will be situated in Lower Capitol Hill on 10 acres of private lands encompassing Lot Numbers H 328-3, H 328-5, and TR-21698.

The CRM permit application number SMS-2016-X-076 is for the proposed Beach Road Ocean View Resort project. The Tai Su International Development, Inc. is proposing to construct a 100 unit "Ocean View Resort" which will consist of one and two-bedroom "resort type model homes" as well as a two-storey commercial building with restaurant and three-storey office building on 1.7 hectares in Chalan Laolao, located on Beach Road near the Triple J Automotive Sales facility specifically on Lot Nos. 1930-R-1 and 1930-1.

The public hearing is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 7, 2017, at 5:00 PM at the BECQ 2nd Floor Conference Room in Lower Gualo Rai, Middle Road, Saipan.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project files are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Ocean Vista Resort 2017 Amendment application as well as the Beach Road Ocean View Resort project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

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CNMI to contribute \$22.8M for CUC projects

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REPORTER

The CNMI government will be contributing an additional \$22.8 million to Commonwealth Utilities Corp. stipulated order 2 projects, bringing the combined total from the federal and CNMI governments to \$86.8 million, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

In the U.S. government's February 2017 report filed in federal court last week, DOJ Environmental Enforcement Section senior trial attorney Bradley R. O'Brien said that

much of CUC's progress is due to the U.S. District Court for the NMI's supervision and the funding and technical support provided by the U.S.

O'Brien also said in the same report that CUC's recent filing of a motion to ask the court to waive the qualification requirements for the position of CUC executive director and appoint Gary Camacho to the post was done without meeting and consulting with the U.S. as required by court rules.

O'Brien added that CUC failed to respect court resources and follow basic stipulated or-

der 1 requirements by not submitting Camacho's candidacy to EPA to determine if a motion and hearing is necessary.

The position has been vacant since July 2015 when the CUC board declined to extend the contract of then-executive director Alan Fletcher.

O'Brien said Fletcher was instrumental in furthering CUC's compliance with stipulated orders.

On Dec. 14, 2015, the CUC board designated Camacho, the Power Division manager, as acting executive director. The board did not submit

Camacho's name to EPA for review and approval of minimum qualifications required. Camacho is still the acting executive director.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres and the CUC board of directors recently asked the federal court to allow Camacho to officially assume the role of executive director.

Torres and the CUC board asked U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge David O. Carter to waive the educational degree requirements for the position of executive director on a temporary ba-

sis in order to allow the CUC board to consider Camacho as a candidate for the position.

Camacho has been working with CUC for over 21 years now.

On the funding issue, O'Brien cited that since the district court issued the two stipulated orders in March 2009, CUC has been awarded \$54 million in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency federal grant funding for CUC's drinking water and wastewater systems.

Prior to the court's appointment of the Engineering and Environmental Management Company to oversee CUC's projects, the U.S. Department of the Interior awarded approximately \$10 million in federal grant funding for CUC's stipulated order 2 projects, O'Brien said.

He said the CNMI, pursuant to the EEMC order and through DOI grants and CNMI monetary payments, will be contributing the additional \$22.8 million for CUC's stipulated projects.

Stipulated order 1 focuses on drinking water and wastewater issues. It also re-structures CUC's organization to reflect a typically functioning utility and requires that key employees have appropriate education and experience levels.

Stipulated order 2 focuses on oil issues. This order also applies to oil spills and the remediation of contaminated power plants.

O'Brien said the U.S. will continue to work with the CNMI, CUC, and EEMC to accomplish the full purpose of the two stipulated orders—that CUC becomes an environmentally safe, responsible, and financially independent entity.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

Theft at Dolphin store

Crime Stoppers is seeking the public's help for a theft incident that occurred at Dolphin Department Store located in San Jose Village.

On Tuesday, Jan. 24, 2017, at about 10:28pm, police met with the store manager, a 47-year old male, who showed the officers video surveillance of the crime, which was recorded earlier that day.

Two suspects arrived in a maroon four-door sedan, parked in front of the store and entered the establishment

at about 12:42pm. Suspect No. 1 is described as a local male, dark skinned, medium built, about 20-30 years in age, wearing a black baseball cap, black T-shirt, and a pair of dark long pants.

Suspect No. 2 is described as a local male, large built, about 20-30 years in age, long hair tied in a bundle behind his head, wearing a dark T-shirt with the word "WORLD" printed upside down in front of the T-shirt. Suspect No. 2 was wearing

a pair of blue and white colored shorts and slippers.

Suspect No. 2 distracted the cashier while Suspect No. 1 was seen rolling a large blue-tooth speaker system equipped with roller wheels and a collapsible handle to the cashier counter. The cashier was distracted and Suspect No. 1 walked out of the store rolling the bluetooth speaker without paying for it. Suspect No. 2 exited the store and got into the suspect car's driver seat. Suspect No. 1 followed a few seconds later and placed the bluetooth speaker system into the suspect car front pas-

senger seat before getting into the car. The suspect car drove toward the west entrance of the parking lot area. The speaker system, described as an "IQ Sound" 15-inch professional bluetooth speaker, is valued at \$229.

DPS and Crime Stoppers needs your help. Please contact the Crime Stoppers hotline at 234-7272 should you want to remain anonymous or use our website at www.nmicrimestoppers.net. Crime stoppers pays up to \$1,000 for any information leading to an arrest. It pays to call. **(CrimeStoppers)**

Learn more about US territories in new book

We the People Project has raised significant national attention to the issue of voting rights in U.S. territories this last week as it's crowdfunding effort nears its goal of \$10,000. Now these issues are getting a boost in the form of a new book by author Doug Mack, *The Not-Quite States of America: Dispatches from the Territories and Other Far-Flung Outposts of the USA*. The book is already on presale with its publisher W.W. Norton or on Amazon.com and will hit the shelves today, Feb. 14, 2017.

When author Doug Mack realized just how little he knew about the territories, he set off on a globe-hopping quest covering more than 30,000 miles to see them all. In the U.S. Virgin Islands, Mack examined the founding fathers' arguments over expansion. He explored Polynesia's outsize influence on American culture, from *tiki* bars to tattoos, in American Samoa. He toured Guam with members of a military veterans' motorcycle club, who offered personal stories about the territory's role in World War II and its present-day importance for the American military. In the Northern Mariana Islands, he learned about star-guided seafaring from one of the ancient tradition's last practitioners. And everywhere he went in Puerto Rico, he listened in on the lively debate over political status—independence, statehood, or the status quo.

The impressive result of Mack's travels and research is *The Not-Quite States of America*, an entertaining account of the territories' place in the USA. The book is the first to try and bring the issue facing U.S. territories to a broad na-

tional audience. The book's take-away is that the territories aren't mere footnotes to American history; they are a crucial part of the story.

"I like to think I know a lot about U.S. territories, but I learned so much I didn't know reading a pre-release copy of *The Not-Quite States of America*. I think people will enjoy the book whether they live in a U.S. territory or didn't even realize the United States has territories," said Neil Weare, president and founder of We the People Project, a non-profit that advocates for equal rights and representation in U.S. territories. "I encourage people to buy a copy of *The Not-Quite States of America* for themselves, and also one for a friend or family member living stateside who could stand to learn more about the issues we face."

"One thing that's great about the book is that it will help people living in U.S. territories realize we have a lot more in common with each other than perhaps people might have thought. This is important because while we may be each be small on our own, together our voice are more than 4 million strong," Weare added.

Mack's book has already received some glowing praise from national media, including a review in *The Seattle Times* and the *New York Post*. He's also come up with some innovative ways for promoting the book on social media, including a fun (and challenging) quiz on U.S. territories and a must-share YouTube video where Mack hand draws the 50 states plus five U.S. territories while explaining the history of U.S. expansion. **(PR)**



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

From left, Hyatt Regency Saipan Food & Beverage director Ty Pauling; Bridge Capital LLC chief operating officer Jody Jordahl; Hyatt Regency Saipan security manager Robin Eugenio; Hyatt Regency Saipan rooms director Rosalyn Quintanilla; and Bridge Capital, LLC office and human resources manager Tanya Fleming.

Hyatt golf classic lands Bridge Capital donation

Bridge Capital, LLC has been named the first platinum sponsor of this year's 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic, a tournament that has grown in popularity over the years from being a fun golf tournament for Club at the Hyatt members to an island-wide charitable event.

At Hyatt, the belief in fulfilling our purpose first begins with caring for others so they can be their best—at work and beyond. That is at the core of the Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic, because there is no better place to start to care for others than within

our own community.

Through the contributions of partnering organizations, the Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic is a channel for displaying that care factor for members of our island community.

With a charitable contribution and sharing in the mission, Bridge Capital joins the 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic as a platinum sponsor.

For over 15 years in the CNMI, Bridge Capital has enabled their clients to maximize financial opportunities that are otherwise unattainable. The

organization also provides consulting and management services in both commercial and residential real estate, land development and loan origination. Their core mission of bridge financing has "honed their business tools and team into a flexible structure that is well-suited to the new challenges of today."

"We are sincerely thankful for their support, and excited to kick off this 21st Charity Golf Classic with Bridge Capital's generous donation," said Hyatt Regency Saipan Food & Beverage director Ty Pauling.

Sponsorship tiers for the 21st

Annual Charity Golf Classic is as follows:

- Platinum: \$2,000+ in cash or in-kind donations
- Gold: \$1,500+ in cash or in-kind donations
- Silver: \$750+ in cash or in-kind donations
- Bronze: less than \$750 in cash or in-kind donations

Early bird registration is open until Monday, April 17, 2016, at 4pm for a rate of \$100 per golfer.

Hyatt Regency Saipan will hold its 21st Annual Charity Golf Classic event at LaoLao Bay Golf and Resort west course on Saturday, April 22, - 1234 Ext. 26. **(Hyatt)**

NEWS BRIEFS**Kagman cluster schools set PTSA meeting**

This is to inform all parents, guardians, and the community that the Kagman cluster schools will be having a PTSA meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16, 2017, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm at ChaCha Ocean View Middle School cafeteria followed by mid-progress report for ChaCha Ocean-View Middle School from 4:30pm to 6pm. Please call the school at 237-3921 or 664-4100 if you have any question or concerns. **(PR)**

Bodybuilding federation to host fundraiser

The Northern Marianas Bodybuilding & Physique Federation will be holding a "Party in the Park" on Feb. 25, 2017, from 6pm to 9pm, at the Garapan Central Park (Roundhouse) to raise funds for our bodybuilders to compete in local and international competitions. The cost is \$20 per person.

The federation is preparing for the 3rd Annual Marianas Muscle competition to be held on March 25, 2017, and in July it will be holding the CNMI bodybuilding championships. These events will be officially sanctioned by NMBPF and will determine those competitors who will be eligible to represent the CNMI in international competitions.

For tickets, contact Jeanne Rayphand at 287-9807 or email jeannesq@yahoo.com or Karen Davis, at 789-9214. **(PR)**

McFun Run to take place on Feb. 18

The Rotary Club of Saipan and McDonald's Saipan will be hosting the Annual McFun Run on Satur-

day, Feb. 18, 2017, along Saipan's beautiful Beach Road pathway. This event for 5K and 10K runs along the pathway from the Carolinian *utt* in Garapan to the 5K turnaround by the National Office Supply or the turnaround at the Oleai Beach Bar and Grill and back to the Carolinian *utt*. Registration begins at 5am at the Carolinian *utt*. Start time is 6:15am. Registration forms are available or can be picked up at all Saipan McDonald's branches, MegaByte, or NMPSI office. **(PR)**

Calling Tinian homestead applicants

Current Tinian homestead applicants interested in finding out the status of their homestead applications can contact Lisa Agumon, DPL Tinian Office, at (670) 433-9245 to book an appointment on Feb. 2 or 3, 2017. **(PR)**

Become a Reading Ranger at AMP

The American Memorial Park is inviting first to third graders on Saipan to participate in this year's first Reading Ranger selection. Over three days, Feb. 7, 8, and 9, from 3pm to 4:30pm, young readers will be guided through *The Unbreakable Code* by Sara Hoagland Hunter by a park ranger.

To register your child, call lead ranger Brooke Nevitt or Jovanna Mafnas at 234-7207 or 2020. There are a limited number of spaces and participation will be determined by the date of registration. For more information on events at American Memorial Park, contact Nevitt at 234-7207 x 2020 or via email at: brooke_nevitt@nps.gov. **(NPS)**

MTEC Scholarship application now open

The Marianas Tourism Education Council is accepting applications for the MTEC Scholarship Program, aimed at encouraging graduating high school seniors to pursue higher education.

The MTEC board will award a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 scholarship for two seniors from the class of 2017 who have been members of a MY WAVE Club for at least one year in high school.

"We are encouraging the students to participate in a MY WAVE Club, which they

can join starting from the 5th grade up to 12th grade level," said MTEC chair Vicky Benavente. "The MTEC Scholarship is made possible through the work of the MTEC board of directors and also from generous sponsors and businesses who have a stake in the islands' tourism and hospitality industry."

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following requirements:

■ Have at least one-year membership in a high school MY WAVE Club

■ Submission of official transcript from last high school attended showing a GPA of 3.0 or higher

■ Recommendation letter from a current or former teacher, MY WAVE Club adviser, counselor or administrator

■ Essay submission from applicant, describing career pathway/goals and purpose of study (300-500 words essay limit, typed)

■ Acceptance letter from university or college applied to

■ Three proof of MY

WAVE CLUB active participation

■ Submission of the MY WAVE Club/ community involvement summary

Applications are available at the MVA office or by emailing MVA Community projects manager Martin Duenas (mduenas@mymarianas.com) or community programs specialist Ryan Calvo (rcalvo@mymarianas.com) or by calling 664-3200 for more details. The deadline to apply is 4:30pm on April 14, 2017. **(MTEC)**

United welcomes Guam customers to new ticket office



UNITED AIRLINES
Paula Monk, United Airlines senior manager of Sales Guam/Micronesia, stands outside the new United Airlines city ticket office in Tiyan, Guam.

GUAM—United Airlines welcomed customers to its new city ticket office in Tiyan, Guam. The new office opened its doors yesterday, Feb. 13, 2017.

"United is delighted to welcome Guam customers to its new city ticket office in

Tiyan," said Sam Shinohara, United's managing director of Operations Asia/Pacific. "As Guam's hometown airline, we continue to invest in this important market to provide Guam customers with a higher level of customer experience."

Paula Monk, United's se-

nior manager of Sales Guam/Micronesia, said, "Our dedicated team is looking forward to helping customers with their travel needs at the new office. Our office is conveniently located near the A.B. Won Pat International Airport and has a modern, aviation-inspired de-

sign. We would like to invite customers to visit us here."

The new ticket office is located at the United offices at 523 Chalan Pasaheru, Tiyan. The ticket office is open 9:30am-6pm Monday through Friday and 9am-2pm Saturday. **(United)**

GHIS students win at Mathcourt contest

Golden Harvest International School students won

again at the latest Math-Court competition last

Saturday, Jan. 28, 2017, at Koblerville Elementary



School.

The following students were declared winners:

Kinder 5

3rd Place, Zian Michael Obnimaga

3rd Place, Steven Song

4th Place, Fatima Dimaun

2nd Grade

1st Place, Princess Nicole Rigua

2nd Place, Austyn Trasmano

Once again, the GHIS administration, faculty, and staff congratulate the students for a job well done. Many thanks also to the parents, coaches, and volunteer proctors for their continued support and assistance. **(PR)**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The winning students of Golden Harvest International School students have their picture taken.

High surf seen until this Friday

Based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point, gentle to moderate winds will gradually become fresh to strong, first in Saipan waters then filtering southward. Combined seas will range between 10 and 12 feet through at least Friday as a shear line.

A high surf advisory remains in effect until 6pm Friday.

Surf will be hazardous 9 to 11 feet, then gradually diminish to 7 to 9 feet today. Surf could fall below hazardous levels by Tuesday night as swell turns toward the northeast. Surf will likely remain

hazardous most of the week.

A small craft advisory remains in effect until 6pm Friday.

Combined seas of 9 to 12 feet will produce hazardous conditions for operators of small craft. Conditions will not improve through the week as winds will become fresh to strong from north to south across the region the next couple of days. Hazardous conditions will persist through Friday.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid sailing in these conditions. Avoid venturing out to exposed reef lines and beaches, especially along north and west facing shores, as rip currents will be life threatening. **(EOC)**

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Keep politics out of the pulpit

U.S. Reps. Jody Hice and Steve Scalise and U.S. Sen. James Lankford were fulfilling a promise embedded in the Republican platform when they recently introduced legislation to eliminate the Johnson Amendment, a 1954 law that put limits on political speech by nonprofit organizations, including religious groups.

Donald Trump doubled-down on that push by declaring that he would “get rid of and totally destroy” the law to “allow our representatives of faith to speak freely and without fear of retribution.”

If there is a problem with religious speech, it isn't that faith leaders are muzzled, but that their speech is too frequently subsidized by the taxpayer despite the Johnson Amendment. Rather than eliminating the Johnson Amendment, federal officials need to start enforcing it with more vigor.

The reality is that the United States is not suffering from a dearth of religious-based free speech, including the political kind from both sides.

The Rev. Franklin Graham freely said he believes God intervened in November “to stop the godless, atheistic progressive agenda from taking control of our country.”

A pastor at a Bronx church who supported Hillary Clinton's run for the U.S. Senate substituted her opponent's name for Satan during a hymn. Black pastors in the South have been known to promote Democratic candidates.

Every Sunday morning preachers climb into their pulpits and practice their faiths as they see fit. Often, that means speaking for or against contentious issues. They take to the radio and TV airwaves daily for the same reasons, expressing themselves eloquently enough to inspire the masses to undertake deep reflection or in ways that offend.

Sometimes they invite politicians to make appearances before their congregations. Sometimes they join politicians on the political stump. Since 2008, hundreds of pastors have explicitly spoken about politics from the pulpit during Pulpit Freedom Sundays.

All of this has taken place even with the Johnson Amendment, with the Internal Revenue Service fully aware, given that some pastors have defiantly sent the IRS recordings of their most political sermons.

There is, at times, understandable tension in drawing the line between church and state. Which should take precedent, a woman's right to choose the contraception of her choice through the health insurance she's paying for? Or an employer who has a faith-based objection to underwriting contraception in the health insurance program it is making available to her?

There are countless situations in which there may never be clear-cut solutions. That doesn't include the Johnson Amendment. It is clear.

Faith leaders should speak as freely as they like in as many ways as they want—as long as they don't ask taxpayers to foot the bill.

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Israel's land grab

“If you do something for long enough, the world will accept it,” Daniel Reisner concluded in 2009, after a decade serving as head of the Israel Defense Force's international law department. “An action that is forbidden today becomes permissible if executed by enough countries.”

As proof, Reiner cited the “targeted killings” Israel conducted continually until the practice was, in his words, “in the center of the bounds of legitimacy.” The Israeli government's latest attempt at legitimization takes the form of a new law passed by Parliament last week. The bill retroactively legalizes government expropriation of privately owned Palestinian land on which settlements or outposts were built “in good faith or at the state's instruction.” In effect, it makes the illegal legal.

The bill offers compensation to the owners of expropriated land, but this is just a fig leaf to make the illegal practice sound fair. Israel is well aware that no Palestinian will accept compensation, which we consider a means of selling one's country and forfeiting its future.

The ploy of declaring private Palestinian land as government property and acquiring it for settlement is not new. But the bill signals a further erosion of Israel's willingness to respect the international consensus regarding the status of the West Bank as occupied territory, as confirmed in a United Nations Security Council resolution in December.

In 1979, I defended Francois Albina, a resident of Jerusalem whose privately owned land had been taken by the Israeli military and given to the Jewish Agency in order to build the settlement of Beit Horon. At the end of a long legal battle that lasted several years, the Israeli military court accepted the spurious claim that the transaction involving privately owned and registered Palestinian land was done in good faith and allowed it to stand.

Yet there is something new, and newly pernicious, about last week's bill. Declarations of private land owned by Palestinians as public property belonging to Israel used to be made by the military government. Now, the Israeli Parliament, the Knesset, is legislating for the West Bank as if it were formally annexed to Israel.

Two Israeli rights groups, Adalah and the Jerusalem Legal Aid and Human Rights Center, have asked Israel's Supreme Court to overturn the law, but the fact remains that the bill is part of a larger trend. In Israel, de-democratization is proceeding at a frightening pace. Israel has quietly not been allowing citizens of the United States and other Western countries whom it suspects of being pro-Palestinian to enter the country, according to reports by Al Jazeera and the website Mondoweiss. More recently, it openly indicated that those who advocate the boycott, divestment and sanctions movement against Israel will not be allowed in. International law and such basic principles as the protection of private property and

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freedom of speech are being seriously eroded.

The Palestinians once pinned their hopes on the International Criminal Court in The Hague. But, despite evidence, the court never bothered to investigate allegations that Israeli officials and generals were violating international law. The Palestinian Authority is now reluctant to submit claims because the U.S. has warned Palestinian leaders that suing Israel in international courts will lead to a severe response from the White House, including the closure of Palestine Liberation Organization offices in the American capital and an end to economic aid to the Palestinian Authority.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu will be traveling to the U.S. this week to hold talks with President Trump. Netanyahu is likely to seek guarantees that Washington will issue no objection to the new law and do all it can to shield Israel from being sued in the International Criminal Court—a liability made greater by the bill. He may well be successful on both counts.

After all, Trump eerily echoes the Israeli government's disdain of peaceful dissent when he says that Homeland Security will allow into the United States only “those who love us.”

Where, then, does hope rest? Only in an active and mobilized American public that is now beginning to stir and raise its voice, supported by institutions that are willing to speak out. At times like these, the public and the courts are the most effective guarantor of democracy.

The greatest enemy of Israeli democracy has not been Palestine, or, for that matter, Syria, Iran or the Islamic State. It has been the erosion of democratic values within the country itself. In Israel, de-democratization has been underway for a long time now—the half-century that the government has spent occupying Palestinian lands.

Under President Trump's leadership, the U.S. seems to be learning fast from Israel's right wing. For democracy to survive around the world, and especially in the Middle East, it is more important than ever for the American public and its institutions to be heard, loud and clear, before the world begins to accept the unacceptable.

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Trump is exactly the president modern America deserves

One of the many hashtags that erupted in the wake of Donald Trump's election is #notmypresident.

The same slogan was used by opponents of Presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush but never with such ferocity.

The irony of the expression seems obvious.

In our democratic republic, we may cast our ballots for someone else or no one at all, but ultimately the president is our leader, and no amount of sign-carrying or hashtagging will change that.

But in the era of Trump, there is a greater depth of irony in such refusal to claim ownership over the president.

Indeed, there has never been a president who embodies modern American culture quite like Trump.

A thrice-married, foul-mouthed, anti-intellectual bully who delights in mocking his opposition, shutting down his critics and showing a penchant for gross exaggeration and locker-room talk.

Sound familiar? I'm not speaking merely about Trump.

Rod Dreher, a senior editor at the American Conservative,

explains it thusly: "Trump is America 2017. He did not come from nowhere."

Dreher cites a video by a young man who innocently asks, "You didn't vote for Trump, or did you?"

The video continues, "... morals suddenly matter again ... because let me guess: we should hold the president to a higher standard than we hold ourselves and our beloved pop culture idols and fetishes. But the thing is, presidential candidates come from the same vulgar, sexist, violent, sex-obsessed locker-room society that we've curated, so why would it be so shocking when the cream of this crop rises to the top, and is so corrupt?"

His thesis may be the most perceptive explanation to the question that is still confounding political analysts: How did Trump happen?

Social media seems to be today's preferred medium of self-expression, so I'll use it to further illustrate the premise.

A random scan of my Facebook page this week revealed the following:

A furious post from a high school acquaintance who wrote "(expletive) The New York Times" for publishing an opinion piece by a person he feels does not deserve a public forum for his thoughts.

Another expletive-laced post from a "friend" demanded anyone who supported Betsy DeVos' nomination should "unfriend" her immediately.

A former colleague, who adds often profane commentary to her daily news posts, mocked the president and his supporters and lamented that his election means the end of the free world.

Then there is the deluge of people posting "news" from websites that boast the veracity of Trump's own Twitter account.

Many of these sources would fit neatly into the category of "fake news" (or at least "highly dubious news") but they are shared as factual because the conclusions fit the posters' own political preferences.

Pope's meddling in Venezuela is disastrous

Many of us have praised Pope Francis for his humbleness and for his tolerance toward victims of discrimination who had long been neglected by the Vatican, but it's time to tell him loud and clear: Get out of Venezuela.

The Vatican's mediation effort in Venezuela has been—to use a word much in vogue in Washington these days—a disaster. It has legitimized that country's authoritarian ruler Nicolas Maduro, throwing him a lifeline when millions of protesters were demanding his resignation on the streets in October 2016. And it has helped him get back on his feet by further cracking down on the opposition.

The Vatican's mediation alongside that of the Union of South American Nations—a group that has done virtually nothing but defend populist demagogues in the hemisphere—failed to result in any action. Maduro didn't release Leopoldo Lopez and other prominent political prisoners, and as he has increased the overall number of political prisoners from 83 last year to 108 today, according to the Foro Penal research group's figures.

In addition, the Maduro regime has invalidated the Venezuelan people's constitutional right to call a recall referendum, and has taken away the most important powers of the opposition-controlled National Assembly.

The regime also has taken away Congress' right to impeach the president and pick members of the National Electoral Council and to approve the national budget.

Venezuela is now in a catastrophic paralysis amid political and economic chaos—inflation is projected to surpass 1,000 percent this year, a world record—widespread food shortages and South America's highest violence levels.

It's becoming increasingly clear that, to restore democracy in Venezuela, the United States and Latin American countries should implement the Organization of American States Democratic Charter, which calls for gradual collective diplomatic sanctions against countries that break the rule of law.

But in an interview this week, OAS Secretary General Luis Almagro told me that his hands are tied for as long as the Vati-

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Again, sound familiar?

In a single day of social-media observance I find multiple occasions of vulgarity, disdain for free speech, alienation of friends, refusals to hear an opinion contrary to one's own and the perpetuation of anti-intellectualism.

(If you consider the number of selfies and other self-indulgent posts, you might add narcissism to this list of vices.)

For those who believe social media is not an accurate portrayal of society writ large, there is plenty of evidence of our cultural decline.

Just last week, UC Berkeley, the cradle of free speech, canceled the appearance of a controversial speaker after protestors caused \$100,000 worth of damage to the school.

In September, the Annenberg Public Policy Center found that only a quarter of Americans can name all three branches of government; nearly a third cannot name one.

Dreher's unnamed video star mentions a study that found teens and young adults consider not recycling more immoral than watching pornography.

Dreher summarizes: "Trump is the logical result of a culture coarsened by a lot of the same people who are now outraged that a barbarian like him is in the White House."

Trump may not be the president many Americans want, but he is exactly the president we all deserve.

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can-UNASUR mediation remains officially alive.

"While the Vatican remains there, we will definitely not take any action to move forward with the Democratic Charter," Almagro told me. "If they tell us that that dialogue is over, and there is a formal communication by both the opposition and the Vatican to that effect, we will restart whatever work is needed."

He added that, as of today, the paralysis in Venezuela is a result "of the Vatican's presence and of a wait-and-see attitude by the Venezuelan opposition."

My opinion: Three key things should happen for Venezuela to get out of its downward spiral.

First, the Venezuelan opposition and the Vatican should officially announce that the current mediation is over. They should officially declare Venezuela a dictatorship because Maduro has broken the rule of law, especially since he stripped away all major powers from the National Assembly after the opposition won the Dec. 6, 2015, elections by a landslide.

Second, the opposition-majority Venezuelan National Assembly should officially request the OAS to activate the Democratic Charter to impose regional diplomatic sanctions on the Maduro regime. For that to happen, the OAS needs the votes of a majority of Latin American and Caribbean nations.

Third, President Donald Trump must stop insulting Mexico, and by extension all of Latin America, in order to get most countries in the region to vote for diplomatic sanctions under the OAS Democratic Charter. Otherwise, Maduro will portray himself as the victim of a U.S. plot, and most countries will not want to be seen as allies of a U.S. president who despises the region.

Unless these steps are taken, I'm afraid Venezuela will continue on its downward spiral. It's time to put an end to this drama. Pope Francis should take the first step, and stop being an obstacle in the restoration of democratic rule in Venezuela.

The importance of showing gratitude on Valentine's Day

By **LINDA METCALF**
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

It's here again: the time of year when colors of pink and red hearts and balloons loom over you as you enter a grocery store, tempting you with chocolate and nice spirits.

Ah, it's a nice thought, to show how much you love someone. But what if it isn't the right gift? Or the right card? What if your partner gets you something more and you show up shorthanded?

Does this day of "love" have to be so stressful?

Valentine's Day can often be like getting a new puppy. Your days are excitable, more work than you ever imagined and expensive. There is always something to be vigilant about so the puppy and the family survive the first few days.

We take lots of time to make sure the puppy is safe and getting the attention and nutrition that he needs. We seem to do it 24/7, and if we do it right, we simply get a nice puppy lick on the hand. For that, we do it again the next day, and the next. That spontaneous, simple act of gratitude makes us feel appreciated and loved.

Puppies have it down right.

Think back to the valentines you have gotten in the past. Was it the gift or the time your partner took to set the table, pick up the flowers, make the card or choose something that he or she knew you would like? Did the macaroni card with too much glitter become a keepsake because it was colorful, or meaningful? It all adds up, when done right, to gratitude. Someone feels grateful for us.

What if, instead of worrying about the right gift, you realize that you get to proclaim something fabulous, like you are grateful to be involved with another human or even a pet in the most amazing way? Research actually reveals that when we are in love and loving someone else back we are at our absolute best. It's the icing on the heart-shaped cake.

Gratitude is an emotion expressing appreciation for what one has. How will you show it this year? Perhaps a better question is, "How would your loved one know that you were grateful for him or her?" You know this person best.






Imagine this: 20 years in the future, your partner or child or best friend looks back on Valentine's Day 2017 and says, "Wow, that was one Valentine's Day I will never forget."

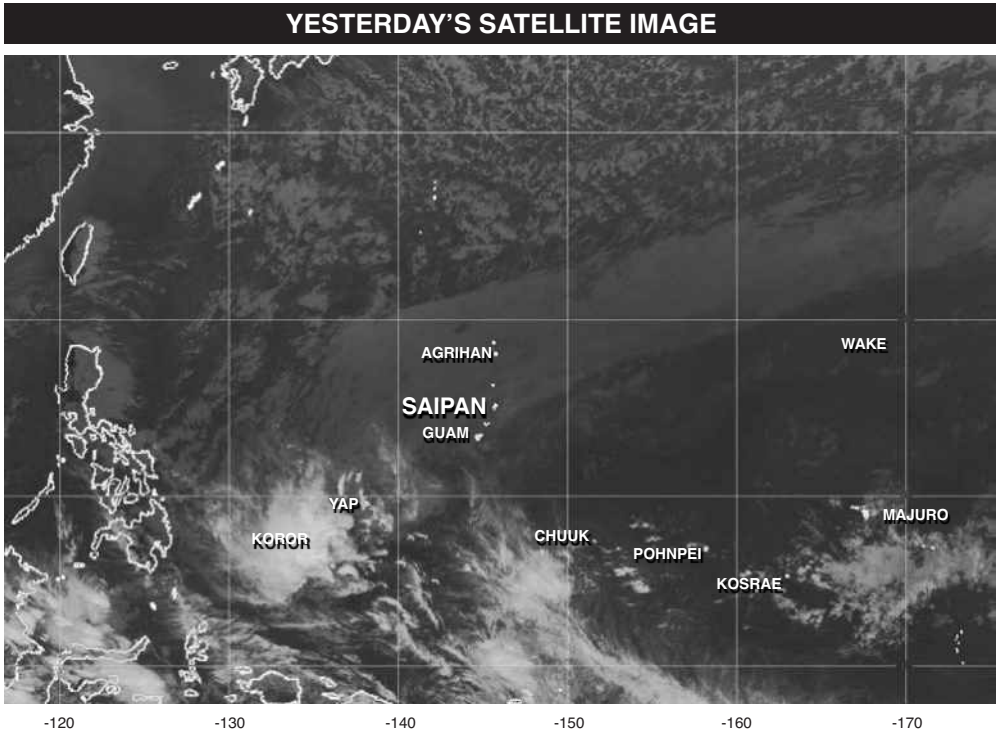
Somehow, you showed him or her gratitude for being in your life. Somehow, you made sure he or she got the attention he or she needed and stayed vigilant about how to show you are grateful. What would you have done on that day to cause such fond memories?

Then, watch out: Your best is yet to come.

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The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN				
TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Mostly cloudy and breezy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 20 to 25 mph.	 Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy and breezy with isolated showers.	 Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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PICTURE TIME: 6:53 AM, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2017
WESTERN NORTH PACIFIC BETWEEN EQUATOR AND 25N FROM 130E TO 180.

A shear line is drifting southward through the Marianas with lots of clouds but mainly isolated light showers. The leading edge is near Guam, but stronger winds are lagging behind the shear line near Saipan. An isolated thunderstorm developed after midnight west of Guam, but only isolated showers are currently seen on radar. Northeast winds are mainly moderate, and combined seas are 9 to 10 feet at the Tanapag and Ritidian buoys.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA ▼ ▲ °F		
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorm	83° / 76°
Palau	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Yap	Thunderstorm	84° / 78°
Chuuk	Thunderstorm	86° / 80°
Pohnpei	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Kosrae	Thunderstorm	86° / 79°
Majuro	Thunderstorm	84° / 80°

AROUND THE GLOBE ▼ ▲ °F		
Auckland	Cloudy	72° / 63°
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	52° / 32°
Hong Kong	Sunny	70° / 61°
Honolulu	Showers	81° / 71°
London	Partly Cloudy	54° / 45°
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 52°
Manila	Partly Cloudy	82° / 70°
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	88° / 63°
Miami	Partly Cloudy	80° / 65°
New York	Partly Cloudy	40° / 35°
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	46° / 34°
Paris	Partly Cloudy	59° / 45°
Pusan	Sunny	52° / 34°
Rome	Mostly Sunny	63° / 39°
Salem	Mostly Sunny	69° / 51°
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	38° / 13°
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	45° / 27°
Tokyo	Sunny	52° / 34°
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	55° / 41°



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3:56 AM	LOW TIDE	0.01
10:17 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.94
4:32 PM	LOW TIDE	0.67
9:51 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.76

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Tuesday	6:42 AM	6:20 PM
Wednesday	6:42 AM	6:21 PM
Thursday	6:41 AM	6:21 PM
Friday	6:41 AM	6:21 PM
Saturday	6:40 AM	6:22 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Tuesday	-	8:50 AM	9:12 PM
Wednesday	-	9:30 AM	10:01 PM
Thursday	-	10:10 AM	10:49 PM
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DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS						
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily		UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily	
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily		UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily	
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota		UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6		UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota	
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily		UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily	
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily		UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)					GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6	
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)					ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN				
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7		UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL297	4:10pm	7:05pm	Daily		DL298	10:20am	2:55pm	Daily	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily		LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily	
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1		ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily	
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7		7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily	
OZ628	3:50am	7:40am	Daily		OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7	
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily		TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily	
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily		OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily		OZ627	9:30pm	2:50am+1	Daily	
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily		7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)					BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7		7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7	
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7		OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6	
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5		7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4	
SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)					JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN				
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7		7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)					BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN				
MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7		MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
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THE LEGEND OF SAINT VALENTINE

The most popular legend about Valentine's Day says that the Roman Emperor Claudius II (268 AD) was against marriages during wartimes. However, Bishop Valentine disregarded this ban and continued performing secret weddings. For this, Valentine was jailed and executed. While in prison he fell in love and left his goodbye letter written on the wall as a declaration of love to the jailor's daughter, signing it, "From your Valentine."

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IN 1537, ENGLAND'S KING HENRY VII OFFICIALLY DECLARED FEB. 14 AS THE HOLIDAY OF ST. VALENTINE.

2

THE RED ROSE WAS THE FAVORITE FLOWER OF VENUS, THE ROMAN GODDESS OF LOVE

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EVERY VALENTINE'S DAY, THE ITALIAN CITY OF VERONA, WHERE SHAKESPEARE'S LOVERS ROMEO AND JULIET LIVED, RECEIVES ABOUT 1,000 LETTERS ADDRESSED TO JULIET.

STRAWBERRY PARFAIT

1 package (3oz) Jello-o brand gelatin, any flavor
1 cup sliced fresh fruit
1 cup thawed Cool Whip whipped topping

Prepare gelatin according to package directions. Chill until slightly thickened. Set aside 1/3 cup. Add fruit to remaining gelatin; spoon into 4 to 5 glasses. Chill glasses at an angle until Jello is set.

Meanwhile, fold whipped topping into measured (1/3 cup) gelatin. Spoon topping mixture into glasses of set Jello. Chill. Garnish. Enjoy.

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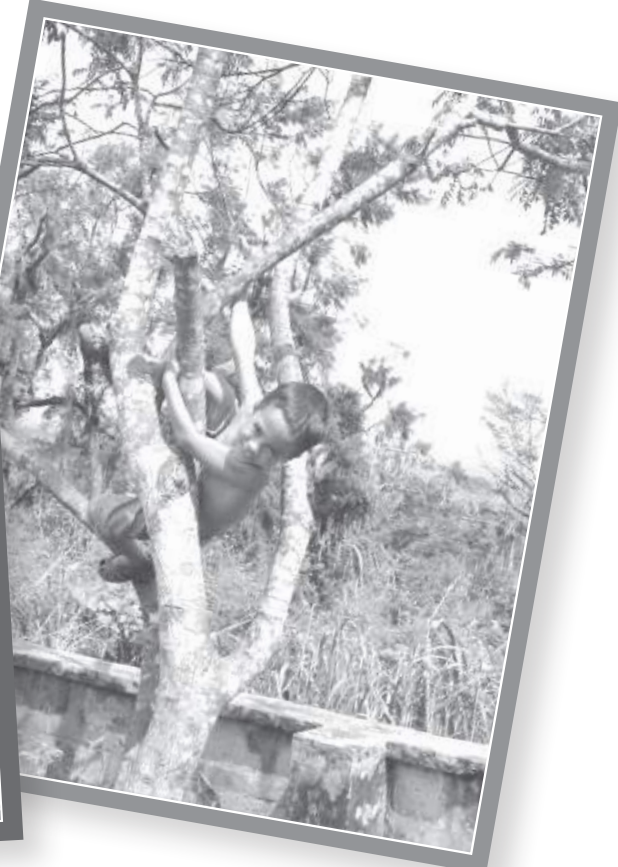
JELL-O
strawberry
Parfait



'Green Guru'

By Anton Winchester M.
Student of Mrs. Pat Muna
GTC, SECOND GRADE

Anton discovered his agricultural passion only a year ago. Since then, every possible moment he spends with his little green friends at the garden. Anton is very excited to enjoy first fruits of his labor: bell pepper, watermelons, honey dews, lemons, and tomatoes! What grows in your garden?



Rainbow

By OLIVIA CAMACHO
(You're my rainbow! My rainbow, you're my rainbow!)

I was in the dark, all alone trying to find a way to get home. Then, all I saw was a streak of light; so, I followed it under the night. Then, when I got there, all I saw was rain falling down; but when I saw you go on home, my heart started to pound. Then in my head, I was like, who is this boy? He brings out a rainbow, a rainbow, he brings out a rainbow. I was walking along the road, then, I slipped and fell on a stone. Then, you just stood there helping me up, I was turning red. Then, you asked me what is my name, then I saw something...it was a rainbow shooting across the sky. Then in my head, I said that I was right. So I tried to calm down, then I told him my name. Then he told me his, there was a rainbow, so when I got up we started to talk, then we started to walk to his house. So, we just played and played and played till we fell asleep.

Student of Ms. Yoly Camacho Dela Cruz,
GTC, 2nd Grade

Survey: Would you go to a concert with your parents?

By Nathan Botticelli, Conner Bulzomi, Austin Tappin, and Cole Del Bianco
NEWSDAY

We surveyed 83 kids in grades 3 to 5. We asked, if there was a concert you'd really like to go to, but you could only go with your parents, would you go or not?

Here is what we found out: 67 kids said they would go, but 16 wouldn't.

Here are some reasons why they would go. One kid said, "Just do it!" Another kid said it would be safer with their parents there.

Here are some reasons why some others would not go. One kid said the parents could bring siblings who would eat all their popcorn. And other kids said they would rather go with their friends, not their parents.

Nathan Botticelli, Conner Bulzomi, Austin Tappin, and Cole Del Bianco are Kidsday reporters.

SOCCER!

By PHILIP MEGINO

I like to play soccer
With the ball at my feet,
Of course you feel sorry
For the teams that you beat.

Playing soccer is fun
With the kicking and scoring,
But when you play by yourself
The game starts to be boring.

The challenge is here,
We're playing a new match,
And our goalie, great John,
Is ready to catch.

We executed the skills as we
dribbled and turned.
We did our best from all that we
learned!
We play for the goal. We go for
the cup.
We want to be champions who
never give up!



TEACHER OF THE MONTH MS. JENNY VILLAGOMEZ

This month's Youngstyle is presented by *Saipan Tribune* and in gratitude to EKATERINA MENCHIKH's assistance.

Interview By ALEX MEGINO
STUDENT OF TANMS, 6TH GRADE

Ms. Villagomez earned her BA in English and MA in Education. She started as a third grade teacher at Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in 2000 and has taught grades 3-6. Presently, she is a fifth grade teacher and is on her 17th year of teaching. She and her husband of 19 years, Richard Villagomez, are blessed with six children: Richard, Susana, Nieves, Ana, Guadalupe, and Jesus. When not teaching, she enjoys being with her family and tending her garden.

Q.: Why is teaching an interesting job?

A.: Students make teaching a rewarding and interesting job. I'm so fortunate to be able to work with wonderful people year after year. Every day is a new day—new knowledge, new experiences, and new opportunities. They keep me on my toes in the best way!

Every class is different from the last. I have had the privilege of facilitating learning with diverse and motivated groups of students. I enjoy guiding and supporting them through their personal, academic, and social goals and witnessing their sense of discovery, courage, wonderment, creativity, and commitment take shape through discussions, inquiries, writing, projects, and presentations. How cool and humbling is that? I've been truly blessed

to be able to make teaching my career.

Q.: What strategy do you use on kids to help them learn?

A.: Students have different lives and learning experiences. As teachers, we are mindful of this and strive to focus on each child's strengths, needs, and learning styles as we plan and implement lessons. We also reflect on the effectiveness of our teaching based on learning outcomes.

In our classroom, students set goals, self-monitor, and understand that practice makes progress. I research and adopt strategies to engage students and provide them with the information and tools necessary to reach their learning objectives and personal goals. We have ongoing dialogue about academic progress and concerns and identify specific suggestions on how to bridge the learning gap. Ultimately, I endeavor to guide my students to become independent learners and encourage them to share their gifts and talents with others.

Q.: How successful are the students that were in your class?

A.: All students have a learning support system. Learning begins at home, so parents are children's first teachers. Every year in school, students are guided by each grade level teacher who takes part in their students' current achievement, their progression to the next grade level, and overall academic success.

One of the most reward-



ing and important aspect of teaching is feedback from current and past students and parents. I've been fortunate in keeping touch with former students and families beyond elementary school. I've sat proudly at high school graduation ceremonies. Witnessing them pursue their life goals is humbling and gratifying.

Q.: Do you notice any changes in the kids yesterday compared to now?

A.: Yes, as society and technology change, so do children. We are all products of our environment. Every year brings a different group of kids. However, children's capacity for learning and knowledge, enthusiasm for discovery and wonderment, degree of talent and creativity, and sense of honesty and justice do not change.

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH - WEAR IT!

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: **Why did the chicken cross the clothing store?**

BALL GOWN	S	H	A	W	L	K	I	L	T	C
BANDANNA	U	A	O	T	C	O	G	D	A	E
BONNET	N	T	N	O	T	T	E	R	N	A
BOW TIE	D	O	M	W	D	B	D	A	K	N
CARDIGAN	R	S	B	T	O	I	H	T	T	N
HAT	E	E	O	R	G	G	E	O	O	A
HOODIE	S	O	N	A	T	H	L	E	P	D
JUMPER	S	G	N	I	G	G	E	L	E	N
KILT	R	R	E	P	M	U	J	S	A	A
LEGGINGS	I	Z	T	E	E	I	T	W	O	B
LEOTARD										
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Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

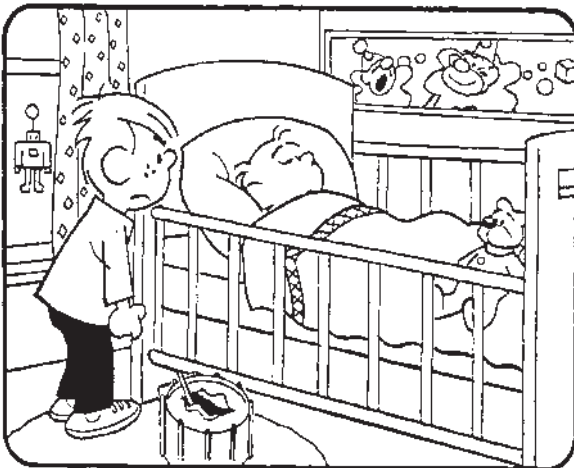
Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an I, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

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|-------------------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Spicy stew | _____ I _____ | Refrigerate | _____ L _____ |
| 2. So. Dakota's capital | _____ R _____ | Hawkeye of M*A*S*H | _____ C _____ |
| 3. Polish clean | _____ C _____ | Rose bush, e.g. | _____ H _____ |
| 4. Baryshnikov's dance | _____ A _____ | Roy Roger's dog | _____ U _____ |
| 5. Tenor or alto | _____ G _____ | Transgressor | _____ N _____ |
| 6. Peter Pan's friend | _____ E _____ | Chicago the _____ City | _____ I _____ |
| 7. Air travel | _____ L _____ | Sudden intense fear | _____ R _____ |
| 8. Ledge | _____ F _____ | Beach discovery | _____ L _____ |
| 9. Of late | _____ C _____ | Monarch's advisor | _____ G _____ |
| 10. Get red in the face | _____ L _____ | Hair detangler | _____ R _____ |

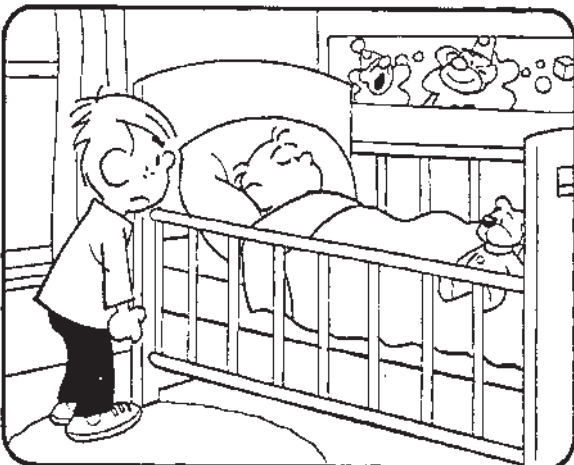
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



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RIDDLE CARD

- When is corn like a question?
- What is the center of gravity?
- When is a rope like a child at school?
- What letters are in-visible, but never out of sight?
- When do your teeth sound just like your tongue?



Illustrated by David Coulson

Answers: 1. When you are popping it. 2. The letter V. 3. When it is taught (taut). 4. I and S. 5. When they chatter.

ANOTHER BETCHA! Hand someone a big shirt and bet them that they can't put it on and button it up in 30 seconds. In most cases you'll win your bet, because after they put it on, they will start with the top button and button it "down," not "up," as you stated in your challenge.



LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right.

1. ACT	USES
2. DUE	OWED
3. WALL	AND
4. BAN	LED
5. ERR	ION
6. CALL	ALLY

Answers: Action, dueling, dueler, wallowed, banally, errand, calluses.

- A type of drum.
- A spirited horse.
- A type of beard.
- A military snack bar.
- He didn't ask to go.
- A large aquatic mammal.
- Witty conversation.
- Found in the mouth.
- A string puller.

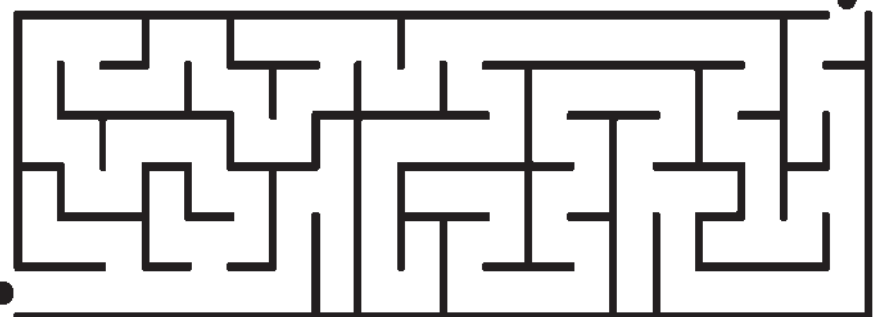
Answers: 1. Steel. 2. Steed. 3. Goatee. 4. Canteen. 5. Draffee. 6. Manatee. 7. Repatee. 8. Eyeteeth. 9. Puppeteer.



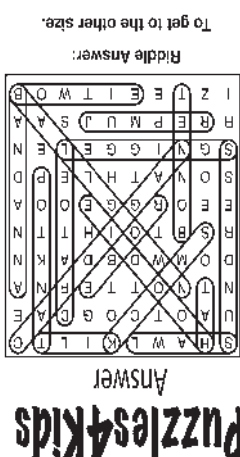
Even Exchange

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Chill, Chill | 6. Wendy, Windy |
| 2. Pierre, Pierce | 7. Flight, Fright |
| 3. Scrub, Shrub | 8. Shelf, Shell |
| 4. Ballet, Bullet | 9. Recent, Regent |
| 5. Singer, Sinner | 10. Blush, Brush |

Kids' Maze



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Business

Shoppers weigh boycott calls as buying gets more political

ALLENTOWN, Pa. (AP)—Stormy Patterson makes a distinction between opinion and action as she surveys each new call to boycott Company A or support Brand B.

It's "silly" to penalize Under Armour over its CEO's praise of President Donald Trump, she says. Far more important is how a company behaves toward its customers or employees, especially if it has an impact on their rights.

"Hobby Lobby, I won't patronize them. I won't touch them. And I actually used to go there like once a week," said Patterson, who opposes the chain's refusal to pay for some kinds of birth control for its employees.

Long before Trump slammed Nordstrom for drop-

ping his daughter's clothing and accessories line—spurring the president's supporters to call for a boycott of the department store—politically active consumers have used their purchasing power strategically. They could punish brands with which they disagreed, and reward those whose views aligned with theirs.

In the polarized Trump era, the simple act of buying a drink or shoes has never seemed so political. Social media makes it easier than ever for activists and consumers to target or defend stores and brands that take a stand or those they see as proxies for a politician.

As a result, "every shopping bag is a potential political statement," said Allen Adamson, founder of Brand Simple,

a consulting firm. "It is like carrying a sign in a rally."

Patterson said her political views have "absolutely" influenced her buying decisions.

"I think everybody has their different extremes, or what they feel is worth taking a stand for," said Patterson, who turns 34 on Monday, as she shopped with her husband and 16-month-old daughter at an Allentown mall.

The weaponized buying can be a minefield for retailers and brands, many of which are already struggling as malls fall out of favor and people buy more online. Some companies deliberately enter the political fray, betting that their customers will support their points of view. Others tread carefully, trying to avoid a backlash.

10 years, no raise for adjunct instructor

Q: Ten years ago, I became an adjunct instructor at a local university. At that time, the going rate for adjuncts was \$2,500 per semester for each class taught. Amazingly, our pay hasn't increased one penny since. An older instructor says he received the same amount 20 years ago.

Whenever someone asks about increasing pay for adjunct faculty, management replies that they need to control costs. Yet somehow administrators and professors seem to get raises on a regular basis. From what I hear, this also happens at other universities. Any thoughts about how to fix this?

A: When compared to the work required, pay for adjunct instructors has historically been abysmal. Calculating the hourly rate would be seriously depressing, so I suggest avoiding that exercise. Given the amount of money saved by using adjuncts, denying pay increases for a decade or so is absolutely inexcusable.

A couple of unfortunate realities probably contribute to this situation. For one thing, adjuncts are typically not an organized group. They usually come from different fields, have individual employment contracts and seldom interact with one another. As a result, their collective concerns are rarely discussed.

Additionally, some people see part-time teaching as a way to enhance their resume,

YOUR OFFICE COACH

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
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promote their services, or fill an employment gap. Because this is a temporary gig to obtain other benefits, compensation becomes less important. If enough of these folks are available, principles of supply and demand begin to apply.

Since all these factors reduce influence, you need to find ways to increase your leverage. Start by connecting with other adjuncts and developing a plan to get the administration's attention. Instructors who have strong reputations or political connections might be especially useful in presenting your case.

If the direct approach fails, other options might include appealing to the appropriate governing body, contacting local reporters or connecting with national adjunct associations. Although your group has to determine the most effective strategy, one thing is certain. If you wait for management to do the right thing, you might be waiting for a very long time.

Q: Our supervisor's friend frequently visits our store as a customer. "Jake" orders the staff around and acts

like he owns the place. He and our boss have lengthy personal conversations and often take 30-minute smoke breaks together.

Jake also makes suggestive comments that are totally inappropriate. For example, if I take a break to pump breast milk for my daughter, he grins and asks if I would like some help. We've complained to our supervisor, but she refuses to confront him. Should we tell upper management about this?

A: Management has an obligation to protect employees from harassment by customers, so you could reasonably take these concerns to the next level. Just be sure to reduce the risk of retaliation by going as a group and requesting confidentiality.

Instead of becoming angry or upset, present the facts calmly and accurately. Clearly describe how Jake's unacceptable behavior is offending employees and harming the business. Explain that you're requesting higher-level help because your supervisor seems unable or unwilling to address the issue.

Nation

Immigrants wait in fear after raids; Trump takes credit

By CLAIRE GALOFARO and
JULIET LINDERMAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pastor Fred Morris looked out over his congregation Sunday as news ricocheted around the world that American authorities were rounding up immigrants in an enforcement surge that President Donald Trump promised on the campaign trail.

Parishioners did not smile as on any other Sunday morning. They stared down at their feet. Others didn't attend at all.

"There is a dreadful sense of fear. It's more than palpable. It's radiating. People are terrified," said Morris, whose United Methodist mission is in a predominantly Hispanic neighborhood of Los Angeles. "They were just sitting there in stunned silence."

For days, fear and confusion have gripped immigrant communities after word spread that federal agents were rounding up hundreds of immigrants in cities across the country. The scope of the operation remained unclear on Sunday.

Advocates and immigration lawyers scrambled to contain the panic and to organize seminars and social media campaigns to teach people their rights.

The Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said the efforts were "routine" and no different than the arrests carried out under former President Barack Obama that targeted those with criminal histories or multiple immigration violations.

But Trump took to Twitter to claim credit

"The crackdown on illegal criminals is merely the keeping of my campaign promise," the president wrote. "Gang members, drug dealers & others are being removed!"

The raids included nearly 200 people in the Carolinas and Georgia, more than 150 in and around Los Angeles, and around 40 in New York, ICE confirmed. Among those arrested were a Salvadoran gang member and a Brazilian drug trafficker, officials said.

A decade ago, immigration officers searching for specific individuals would often arrest others encountered along the way, a practice that drew



In this Friday, Feb. 10, 2017, file photo, Marlene Mosqueda, left, who's father, Manuel Mosqueda was arrested by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency early Friday morning to be deported, is comforted at a news conference by her attorney Karla Navarrete at The Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles (CHIRLA).

criticism from advocates. Under the Obama administration, agents focused more narrowly on specific individuals who posed a security or public safety threat.

Trump signed an executive order days after taking office that made clear that almost any immigrant living illegally in America could be targeted.

Immigrant-rights groups cite the case of Manuel Mosqueda, a 50-year-old house painter, as an example of how they believe ICE agents in the new administration are again going too far.

During last week's enforcement operation, ICE agents showed up at Mosqueda's home in the LA suburbs looking for someone else. While there, they inquired about Mosqueda, learned he was here illegally and put him on a bus to Mexico.

Karla Navarrete, a lawyer for the advocacy group CHIRLA, said she sought to stop Mosqueda from being placed on the bus and was told by ICE that things had changed. She said another lawyer filed federal court papers and got a judge to stop the deportation. The bus turned around, and Mosqueda is now jailed in Southern California, waiting to learn his fate.

In Virginia, agents who went to an apartment Thursday looking for a wanted man picked up everyone else in the apartment too, except for one woman with a baby in her arms, said Simon Sandoval-Moshenberg, legal director for Legal Aid Justice Center's immigrant advocacy program in northern Virginia.

"Here's what happens on the ground: Somebody knocks on the door, they ask for a name, the people are very scared," said Tessie Borden, an advocate in Los Angeles. "Then they round everybody up and say 'We'll sort it out later.' But sorting it out later may mean separating families and breaking down support systems for these folks."

For supporters of Trump's immigration policies, the new and broader approach was welcome news.

"The main thing is to send the message that the immigration laws are actually being enforced again," said Mark Krikorian, executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a think tank that advocates for tighter controls on immigration.

Immigration advocates said many immigrants are now afraid to send their children to school and afraid to go to church or work or the hospital. Panicked rumors spread as quickly as the truth. "Every time so much as a white guy with a clipboard is walking around, everyone runs into their apartments and locks the doors," Sandoval-Moshenberg said.

One case that sowed widespread fear was that of Guadalupe Garcia de Rayos, a mother of two in Phoenix who pleaded guilty nearly a decade ago to a felony for using a false ID to get a job as a janitor. The government declined to deport her. On Wednesday, she showed up at the ICE building in Phoenix for a scheduled check-in with immigration officers and was deported to Mexico.

Asia

UN Security Council meeting is sought over NKorea missile test

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP)—The United States, Japan and South Korea have requested urgent diplomatic talks at the United Nations on Monday over North Korea's latest ballistic missile launch, with Seoul condemning what it called "serious military and security threats" and predicting more such tests.

A spokesman for the U.S. Mission to the United Nations said Sunday night that the meeting is expected to take place Monday. The spokesman spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak publicly.

The U.N. Mission for Ukraine, which holds the rotating Security Council presidency, later confirmed that closed consultations on North Korea will take place late Monday afternoon.

The banned missile test is seen as an implicit challenge to U.S. President Donald Trump, who has vowed a tough line on Pyongyang but has yet to release a strategy for dealing with a country whose nuclear ambitions have bedeviled U.S. leaders for decades.

North Korean state me-

dia said leader Kim Jong Un was at the site to observe the launch and expressed pleasure at the North's expansion of its strategic strike capabilities.

"These are serious military and security threats," Jeong Joon-hee, spokesman at the Ministry of Unification, told reporters. "Pyongyang has no intention of backing away from its goal to become a country with nuclear weapons."

A report on the launch carried early Monday by the North's Korean Central News Agency said Kim watched from an observation post and gave the order to fire the "Puk-guksong-2," which it said was a "Korean style new type strategic weapon system."

It is believed to have flown about 500 kilometers (310 miles) before splashing down into the ocean in international waters.

The report said the test proved "the reliability and security" of a new mobile launching system, the solid fuel that was used and the guidance and control features of the ballistic missile. Solid fuel can give missiles longer range and make de-

tecting them before launch more difficult because they can be readied faster than liquid fuel missiles.

The report also said the test verified control and guidance capabilities and said the missile can be "tipped with a nuclear warhead."

It suggested the launch conducted in a "lofted" style, which puts the missile into a high trajectory rather than a lower one that gives it more range, in order take "the security of the neighboring countries into consideration."

It added Kim "expressed great satisfaction over the possession of another powerful nuclear attack means."

"Now our rocket industry has radically turned into high thrust solid fuel-powered engine from liquid fuel rocket engine and rapidly developed into a development- and creation-oriented industry, not just copying samples," he said. "Thanks to the development of the new strategic weapon system, our People's Army is capable of performing its strategic duties most accurately and rapidly in any space: under waters or on the land."

Aftershocks rattle survivors after PH quake kills 8

SURIGAO, Philippines (AP)—Philippine officials on Sunday warned survivors of a powerful earthquake that left at least eight people dead in the country's south to ensure their homes and buildings are sturdy enough before venturing back amid continuing aftershocks.

A strong aftershock alarmed residents, some of whom screamed in fear, while waiting for President Rodrigo Duterte to arrive to console earthquake survivors gathered in a gymnasium in the hard-hit capital of Surigao del Norte province.

The magnitude 6.7 quake struck late Friday, killing at least eight people, injuring more than 200 and damaging the main provincial airport and about 1,000 houses in Surigao, officials said. Some residents said the shaking was so strong they could not stand up to rush out of their houses.

Officials appealed for volunteer engineers to help check the stability of damaged schools, hospitals, malls, hotels and other buildings, especially in the provincial capital of Surigao city, which has been placed under a state of calamity to ensure a rapid release of emergency funds and prevent food hoarding. Power

was restored Sunday in some parts of the city.

"Our call is do not return hastily after the strong quake," said Romina Marasigan, spokeswoman of the government's National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. "We have to ensure that our residences are safe."

"The critical infrastructures—the schools, the hospitals and offices that provide services—should also be checked if they are still safe for use," she said. "We are again reiterating our appeal for help from civil and structural engineers to ensure the safety of the people."

Renato Solidum, who heads the Philippine Institute of Seismology and Volcanology, said at least 137 aftershocks had hit following the quake. "Aftershocks are normal after a strong earthquake. Typically, these may last for days, up to weeks," he said.

Among the structures damaged by the quake were 12 schools, six bridges and some shopping malls, many of which had visible cracks, shattered glass windows and damaged canopies. The quake may have busted tap water pipes, limiting supply in Surigao

city, which lies about 700 kilometers (430 miles) southeast of Manila, and three outlying towns, officials said.

Duterte arrived more than three hours late in Surigao city because his entourage had to make a detour following the closure of its airport due to deep cracks in its runway. He later expressed sympathy and pledged financial help to quake survivors needing medical treatment.

The Philippines sits in the Pacific "Ring of Fire," where earthquakes and volcanoes are common.

The last major earthquake that struck Surigao, an impoverished region also dealing with a communist insurgency, was in 1879, Solidum said. A magnitude 7.7 quake killed nearly 2,000 people on the northern island of Luzon in 1990.

Following Friday's quake, communist guerrillas declared an indefinite cease-fire in quake-hit areas to foster rehabilitation work and help people recover faster from the calamity. "Rest assured we will not do any harm to the military as long as they will not come to our areas," Comrade Oto, a regional rebel spokesman, said in a statement.

World

PM Trudeau visits Trump in crucial meeting for Canada

OTTAWA, Ontario (AP)—Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and U.S. President Donald Trump will participate in a roundtable discussion about women in the work force Monday, an early sign of cooperation as Trudeau seeks to have good relations so Canada is not targeted in trade talks.

In his first face-to-face meeting with the new U.S. president, Trudeau will also meet with Trump to talk about trade and participate in a working lunch.

A White House official and a senior Canadian government official said the two countries plan to launch a new task force called the United States Canada Council for the Advancement of Women Business Leaders-Female Entrepreneurs. The officials agreed to confirm the move only if they were not quoted by name because they were not authorized to make the information public.

Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter who has been an advocate for policies benefiting working women, was involved in recruiting



AP
In this Nov. 29, 2016 file photo, Canada's Prime Minister Justin Trudeau holds a press conference at the National Press Theatre in Ottawa, Ontario.

participants and setting the agenda for the roundtable. Female executives from the United States and Canada are expected to participate.

Trudeau's close cooperation with Trump and the first daughter could ease some worries among Canadians that the U.S. president will enact protectionist measures that could hurt the Canadian economy. It could also alleviate some fears that Trump will be as combative with Trudeau as he has been with the leaders of Mexico and Australia.

The Canadian official said Trudeau's administration had suggested the task force, because the prime minister considers the issue of working women an important part of his agenda and economic growth plan.

"It's a smart thing if Canada proposed this," said Nelson Wiseman, a professor at the University of Toronto. "It takes attention off of NAFTA. And from Trump's point of view, it contributes to softening Trump's image, and he's got a problem with women."

WORLD BRIEFS

Peru's president asks Trump to deport fugitive ex-leader

LIMA, Peru (AP)—The leader of Peru asked U.S. President Donald Trump on Sunday to deport a former Peruvian president sought in the South American nation on suspicion of taking bribes as part of a regional corruption scandal. President Pedro Pablo Kuczynski's office said the request was made to Trump during a phone conversation between the two men. The White House confirmed the talk, but did not mention Peru's deportation request. It said they discussed the need for strong economic group as well as the deteriorating humanitarian situation in Venezuela. Last week, a Peruvian court ordered the arrest and detention of ex-President Alejandro Toledo as prosecutors investigate whether he took \$20 million in payments from the giant Brazilian construction company Odebrecht. Peruvian officials have said they believe Toledo is in San Francisco, where he has been researching a

book as a visiting scholar at nearby Stanford University.

Somaliland agrees to UAE military base in northern port

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Somalia's breakaway northern territory of Somaliland has said the United Arab Emirates can establish a military base in its territory. The Emirati government in January submitted a formal application seeking permission from the Somaliland government to open a military base in the port town of Berbera. The parliament of Somaliland on Sunday approved the UAE plan. The plan is controversial and the neighboring countries of Ethiopia and Djibouti are opposed to it, according to local reports. In Sunday's vote 144 lawmakers were in favor of the military base, two voted against and two abstained. Nine others opposed to the base shouted against President Ahmed Silanyo and were led out of the chamber by soldiers. Silanyo had spoken in favor of the base, saying it would create jobs in

Somaliland.

WWII bomb defused in Greece; 70,000 evacuees heading home

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)—Authorities in the northern Greek city of Thessaloniki say an unexploded World War II bomb found under a gas station was defused Sunday and safely taken to an army firing range outside the city, paving the way for over 70,000 people to return home. The roads in western Thessaloniki and the suburb of Kordelio, where most of those forced to evacuate earlier Sunday came from, have reopened. Authorities had shut down a 1.9 kilometer (1.2-mile) radius for experts to safely work on the bomb. The U.S.-made 275-pound (125-kilogram) bomb was "badly corroded, but its detonation mechanism was still in very good condition," said Army spokesman Col. Nikos Fanios. The Army had initially estimated that the bomb weighed 500 pounds (227 kilograms). Officials said it was 1.5 meters (5 feet) long.

Overdrive

AUTO REVIEW: 2017 Volkswagen Golf Alltrack great for sporty types but not quite as off-road-ready as advertised

By **CHARLES FLEMING**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Volkswagen isn't the No. 1 automobile company in the world for nothing. It's the biggest because it makes great cars.

VW may be guilty of heinous crimes—faking emissions tests, making us all learn how to pronounce and spell “Fahrvergnügen”—but year after year, model after model, Volkswagen turns out handsome, dependable vehicles that are easy to operate and fun to drive.

The 2017 Golf Alltrack is one of them. Designed to steal young, adventure-minded drivers from the Subaru Outback, it's a comfortable, capable car appropriate for a lot of people with active lifestyles.

And it's almost as much a marketing ploy as a new machine.

The Alltrack is a four-door station wagon, powered by a 1.8-liter, turbocharged, four-cylinder engine that makes 170 horsepower and 199 pound-feet of torque.

The engine is mated to a six-speed automatic transmission. A manual six-speed version will go on sale soon, but other engine versions will not, though a diesel TDI engine is available in Europe.

Driving modes include normal, sport and off-road, and manual gear selection can be made through toggling the Tiptronic paddle shifters on the steering wheel or manipulating the shift knob in the center console.

Those modes help maximize power from the small engine. So does the Alltrack's “4Motion” system, which automatically shifts the car from front-wheel drive to all-wheel drive when the vehicle needs more torque or traction to the rear wheels.

Like most VWs, the cabin is sensibly designed and ergonomically friendly. The steer-

ing wheel and dashboard are clean and uncluttered. Everything required for safe and happy driving is within easy reach.

Charmingly analog in some respects — it has a hand-operated emergency brake, rather than a push-button electronic one — the car feels solid and planted.

The Alltrack is part of the Golf line, and it's so similar to the SportWagen that a prospective buyer could be forgiven for wondering how they're different.

The answer is — not all that much. The SportWagen, like the company's Tiguan, Touareg and upcoming Atlas cars, also features the 4Motion system. It's powered by the same engine as the Alltrack — though the Alltrack is tuned for more torque — and features the same Tiptronic six-speed transmission. It's a four-door, five-passenger wagon with the same cabin room and cargo space as the Alltrack.

That's good news for the cargo, but not necessarily for the passengers. Headroom in the rear seats is adequate, but legroom a little less so. (VW did include a pair of reading lamps that light the back-seat areas. A good book may distract tall passengers from their cramped legs.)

They differ in subtle ways. The Alltrack offers more ground clearance than the SportWagen — more on the Alltrack SEL version, which replaces the standard 17-inch wheels with 18-inch ones — has different front and rear bumpers and includes side skirts and decorative arches over the wheels.

The Alltrack adds some features that should encourage the bold driver to leave the pavement and explore. Unlike the SportWagen, the Alltrack comes with a “hill descent” feature that controls downhill speed on uncertain terrain. The

off-road mode, too, manipulates torque and ABS to ensure increased traction in sandy, rocky, muddy or icy conditions.

I had a spin around town on a day that offered wet pavement, sandy dirt, slick mud and some nasty ruts dug by the recent rains.



The 2017 Volkswagen Golf Alltrack has a 1.8-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine rated at 170 horsepower and 199 pound-feet of torque. TNS

IN CELEBRATION OF HIS NEW LIFE

Vicente Santos Salas

NOVEMBER 4, 1954 TO FEBRUARY 7, 2017

In his new life will be met at the gate of heaven by his..

Father: † Atanacio Tydingco Salas

Mother: † Maria Santos Salas

Father In Law: † Manuel Santos Matagolai

Mother In Law: † Delgadina Blas Matagolai

Common Law Wife: † Maria Blas Matagolai

His memories will forever live in the hearts of his...

Wife: Sophia (Rita) Matagolai Salas

Children & Grandchildren

Delgadina Matagolai / Dave Rabauliman

Jasmine / Brandon (Vicente, Lieani, & Dinna)

Jesse James (Jessandra, Darencio, Matteo)

Lani (Noah)

Jake/Tilia (Divine)

Vivian S. Limes / Alexander Limes

Zephaniah

Manning M. Salas / Melina Salas

Michael M. Salas / Louisa Moolang
(Judah, Julissa)

Brothers/ Sisters/ Spouses

Martin S. / † Theresa L. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

†Antonio S. / Rosalina O. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

Emmanuel S. Salas / Linda M. Norita, Children and Grandchildren

Jose S. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

Cynthia S. / Allan E. Rodeo, Children and Grandchildren

Slyveria S. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

William S. / Yvonne Dlg. Salas and Children

Ramon S. / Dorinda M. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

Melinda S. / Augustin S. Naputi and Children

Joaquin S. / Corazon V. Salas, Children and Grandchildren

Diego S. San Nicolas / Keiko O. San Nicolas

In-Laws:

Guadalupe M. & †Luis M. Cepeda, Children and Grandchildren

Juan B. Matagolai & Lourdes Atalig, Children and Grandchildren

Roque B. & †Margarita Matagolai, Children and Grandchildren

Pedro B. & Hiromi (Acha) Matagolai and Children

† Antonio B. Matagolai

Ignacio B. Matagolai, Children and Grandchildren

Barbara B. Matagolai & John Vianney Tutii, Children and Grandchildren

David B. Matagolai & Christine Manglona and Children

Linda B. Matagolai & Steven Van Winkle, Children and Grandchildren

He will be remembered by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nephews, nieces, godchildren and friends.

On Wednesday, February 15, 2017, his remains will be transported from Borja's Funeral Home at 7:00 a.m. to Mount Carmel Cathedral where last respect and viewing will be held. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Mount Carmel Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. and interment will follow at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

The presence and prayers of all family and friends are greatly appreciated.

The Family

NUTS & BOLTS

2017 Volkswagen Golf Alltrack

■ Quick take: A sturdy, sensible station wagon

■ Highs: Dressed up for off-road adventures

■ Lows: Maybe not as off-road-ready as advertised

■ Vehicle type: Four-door, five-passenger station wagon

■ Base price: entry-level, \$27,770; SEL model, \$33,710

■ Price as tested: \$35,705

■ Powertrain: 1.3-liter, four-cylinder, turbocharged gasoline engine

■ Transmission: Six-speed automatic with AWD

■ Horsepower: 170

■ Torque: 199 pound-feet

■ EPA fuel economy rating: 22 miles per gallon city / 30 mpg highway / 25 mpg combined

Life & Style

Adele sweeps Grammys Awards with 5 wins, while Bowie wins 4

Even though Adele flubbed one of her live performances at the Grammys, she walked away the belle of the ball: She took home all five awards she was nominated for Sunday night, including album, record and song of the year.

She beat Beyoncé in the top three categories with her comeback album “25,” and repeated her accomplishments from 2012, when the British star also won album, song and record of the year at the Grammys. She’s the first artist in Grammy history to sweep the top three categories twice, and now has a total of 15 Grammys.

Adele used her speech to honor Beyoncé and her groundbreaking “Lemonade” album, which was also nominated. And backstage, she told press she voted for Beyoncé when putting in her ballot for album of the year.

“But I can’t really accept this award. And I’m very humble and I’m very grateful and gracious, but my artist of my life is Beyoncé. This album you made, the ‘Lemonade’ album, is so monumental,” Adele said to her fellow singer at the Staples Center in Los Angeles when accepting the album of the year trophy. “The way you make me and my friends feel, the way you make my black friends feel is empowering. And they stand up for themselves. And I love you. I always have.”

The night for Adele wasn’t all good though: The singer, who had trouble with her live performance at last year’s Grammys, asked to restart her tribute to George Michael, telling the audience: “I can’t mess this up for him.” She stopped and used an expletive after singing some of a new arrangement of Michael’s “Fast-

love,” as videos and photos of Michael played in the background. She re-sang the song and earned applause and support from the crowd, though Adele was teary eyed.

Michael died on Christmas Day. A number of other icons were honored Sunday, including Prince: Bruno Mars—rocking a glittery, Prince-like purple blazer—worked the guitar like a pro while singing the icon’s “Let’s Go Crazy.” The Time—who worked closely with the Prince—brought the audience to its feet with funky performances of “Jungle Love” and “The Bird.”

“Make some noise for Prince y’all,” Mars yelled.

Mars was also a winner Sunday—he won for his producing work on Adele’s album. Adele’s other wins included best pop vocal album and pop solo performance.

Until Adele’s abrupt restart, Beyoncé was the talk of the show. In glittery gown, gilded crown and gold choker, a pregnant Beyoncé took the Grammy stage in a lengthy performance of two songs from her critically acclaimed album “Lemonade.” She was introduced by her mother and former stylist, Tina Knowles: “Ladies and gentlemen, with my mother’s pride, my daughter, Beyoncé.”

Beyoncé sang on top of a long table and later sang while sitting down in a chair that tilted alarmingly backward, still hitting high notes. She performed the songs “Sandcastles” and “Love Drought.”

She earned a loud applause from the audience, including daughter Blue Ivy and husband Jay Z. Beyoncé, who walked into the show with nine nominations, only won two: best music video (“For-



Adele poses in the press room with the awards for album of the year for “25,” song of the year for “Hello,” record of the year for “Hello,” best pop solo performance for “Hello,” and best pop vocal album for “25” at the 59th annual Grammy Awards at the Staples Center on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, in Los Angeles.

mation”) and urban contemporary album (“Lemonade”).

“My intention for the film and album is to create a body of work that would give voice to our pain, our struggles, our doubts, and our history, to confront issues that make us uncomfortable. It’s important to me to show images to my children that reflect their beauty, so they can grow in a world, where they look in the mirror, first with their own families as well as in the Super Bowl, the Olympics, the White House and the Grammys and see themselves,” said Beyoncé, reading from a card. “This is something that I want for every child of every race, and I feel that it’s vital that we learn from the past and recognize our tendencies to repeat our mistakes.”

Beyoncé’s speech wasn’t the only political moment:

A Tribe Called Quest, along with Anderson .Paak and Busta Rhymes, gave a rousing performance and shouted “resist, resist!” at their end of the performance, which featured a number of people onstage, including women in hijabs.

Like Adele, David Bowie—who died last year from cancer—won all four awards he was nominated for: “Blackstar,” his final album released days before he died, won best alternative music album and engineered album, non-classical. The title track won best rock song and rock performance.

Before Sunday, Bowie only won one Grammy in his career—in the 1980s for a music video.

Adele and Mars worked overtime onstage, each performing twice. Adele kicked off the show with “Hello”

and Mars and his groovy band gave a memorable performance of “That’s What I Like”—as Jennifer Lopez, Faith Hill, Rihanna and even some of the men in the audience watched closely, looking impressed.

Chance the Rapper won the first award in the live telecast for best new artist. He also won best rap album—the first streaming-only album to do so—and bested Drake and Kanye West.

“I didn’t think we were gonna get this one,” said Chance, who also won best rap performance.

Twenty one pilots won best pop duo/group performance for the hit “Stressed Out.” They removed their pants when accepting the award in homage to their earlier days when they watched the Gram-

mys at home in their boxers.

Producer Greg Kurstin won four honors: He shared album, song and record of the year with Adele, and was also named producer of the year, non-classical.

In the pre-telecast, Beyoncé’s younger sister, critical R&B darling Solange, won her first Grammy for best R&B performance (it was her first-ever nomination). Drake, who didn’t attend the live show, won best rap song and rap/sung performance for the smash hit, “Hotline Bling.”

West and Justin Bieber, nominated for album and song of the year, also didn’t attend the show.

Justin Timberlake’s “Can’t Stop the Feeling!”—which is nominated for an Oscar—won best song written for visual media. Best new artist nominees The Chainsmokers won best dance recording for the pop hit “Don’t Let Me Down,” while Simpson, an album of the year nominee, won best country album for “A Sailor’s Guide to Earth.”

Joey + Rory won best roots gospel album for “Hymns,” and Rory Feek was emotional onstage as he remembered his wife Joey, who died last year from cancer.

Some actors won Grammys, too: Don Cheadle picked up best compilation soundtrack for visual media for “Miles Ahead,” where he is credited as a compilation producer, and Carol Burnett won the best spoken word album Grammy.

“The Color Purple” won best musical theater album, giving Jennifer Hudson her second Grammy and earning Tony winner Cynthia Erivo and “Orange Is the New Black” actress Danielle Brooks their first Grammys. (AP)

Grammy-winning jazz singer Al Jarreau dies at 76

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Grammy-winning jazz singer Al Jarreau, who transcended genres over a 50-year career, died at a Los Angeles hospital Sunday, just days after announcing his retirement from touring because of exhaustion, his manager Joe Gordon confirmed.

His official Twitter account says he died surrounded by his wife, son and a few other family members and friends. He was 76.

Jarreau was hospitalized earlier in the week and was said to have been improving slowly. The cause of his death was not revealed, but he had experienced a number of respiratory and cardiac issues in recent years.

The Milwaukee native won seven Grammys over the course of his half-century in music. His biggest single was 1981’s “We’re in This Love Together” from the album “Breakin’

Away.” Jarreau was also a vocalist on the all-star 1985 track, “We Are the World,” and sang the theme to TV’s “Moonlighting.”

“We feel very fortunate to have worked with Al, one of the most distinctive and extraordinary vocalists in the music,” said Concord Records President John Burk in a statement. “He was truly a force of nature and a beautiful human



Jarreau

being that will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by us all.”

Jarreau was one of the few artists to have won Grammys in three separate categories—jazz, pop and R&B. Time

Magazine once called him the “greatest jazz singer alive.”

News of Jarreau’s death came as the Grammy Awards were kicking off in Los Angeles.

“He was really one of the most creative vocalists who ever lived,” jazz singer Tierney Sutton told The Associated Press on the red carpet. “His voice was like an instrument.”

Sutton collaborated with

Jarreau on the Joni Mitchell tribute album “After Blue” from 2013.

“Al Jarreau was incredible,” Jill Scott told the AP. “He was one of the most awesome, strange performers I ever met—and I mean strange in the best way. He was all about elegance, whether it was drinking a cup of tea or saying good morning.”

Scott, an R&B singer, recorded with Jarreau and George Benson in 2006 on “God Bless the Child.”

Tributes poured in on social media in remembrance of Jarreau as well. Director Ava DuVernay tweeted that her mom used to play Jarreau’s vinyl and that his voice made her happy.

Actress Octavia Spencer wrote that Jarreau “had a mellifluous voice. Soothing. Beautiful.”

Singer Chaka Khan tweeted that he was an “unrivaled improvisational genius.”

In a 2014 interview with The Arizona Republic, Jarreau relished in his crossover tendencies.

“I grew up in Milwaukee, and I took it all in. I want it all. Don’t cut me off at the pass and say I can’t listen to Muddy Waters because I’m a jazzier. Or I can’t listen to Garth Brooks because I’m a jazzier. Get out of here,” he said.

Music wasn’t always Jarreau’s focus, however—he didn’t even record his first album until he was 35. Born to a minister father and a mother who played the piano in church, Jarreau sang from

an early age, but he was also an athlete who earned a master’s in vocal rehabilitation and started his career as a counselor in San Francisco, playing jazz on the side.

But he couldn’t ignore his passion for performance and eventually gave up his first career to do music full time.

“His second priority in life was music. There was no third,” read the statement on Jarreau’s website. “His first priority, far ahead of the other, was healing or comforting anyone in need.”

His final album, “My Old Friend: Celebrating George Duke,” was released in 2014.

Jarreau is survived by his wife, Susan, and a son, Ryan. In lieu of flowers or gifts, a donation page has been set up for the Wisconsin Foundation for School Music.

Michael Jackson's daughter takes to Grammys stage

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Paris Jackson took to the stage at the Grammys, introducing a performance at Staples Center eight years after attending her father's memorial service at the arena.

The 18-year-old wore flowers in her up do and sported a nose ring at Sunday's show. She introduced The Weeknd featuring Daft Punk in the evening's second performance.

It was another step in the emergence of Michael Jackson's only daughter. She recently made the cover of Rolling Stone and gave an extended interview to the magazine. She's dabbling in modeling and acting, and befitting a child of the King of Pop, Jackson also writes music and sings.

Jackson was a guest at Clive Davis' pre-Grammy bash in Beverly Hills on Saturday.

In 2009, Jackson was 11 years old and surrounded by her extended family at her father's memorial when she told the crowd, "Daddy has been the best father you could ever imagine, and I just want to say I love him so much."

Jackson hustled her way down the red carpet before Sunday night's show, bypassing most media, and wearing a sequined gown with a deep plunging neckline and her hair loose and wavy.

In the Grammy spotlight, Jackson appeared poised and used the moment to call attention to a larger cause.

"We can really use this kind of excitement at a pipeline protest you guys," she told the audience in an apparent reference to the Dakota Access oil pipeline.

Adele starts over during George Michael tribute at Grammys



Adele apologizes before restarting a performance tribute to George Michael at the 59th annual Grammy Awards on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017, in Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Adele wanted her performance of "Fastlove" during the George Michael tribute at Sunday's Grammy Awards to be perfect. So when it wasn't, she cursed, then started over on live TV.

"I'm sorry. I can't mess this up for him," she said to the audience. "Can we start again?" The expletive was bleeped.

The second performance was flawless and heartfelt, as images of the late singer, who died on Christmas Day at age 53, played on the screen behind her.

Adele looked near tears as she finished, as the crowd received the performance with a standing ovation.

Adele opened the ceremony

by performing her megahit "Hello" without a hitch.

But she suffered from poor sound when she performed her song "All I Ask" at last year's Grammy ceremony. A microphone had fallen inside the piano used onstage, which made it sound out of tune.

No technical glitches were immediately reported Sunday.

Prince's Warner Bros. catalog goes to all streaming services

NEW YORK (AP)—Tidal's exclusive streaming rights to Prince's Warner Bros. Records catalog is over.

The record company announced that starting Sunday, his music on the label—including albums like the seminal "Purple Rain" to his early work like "Dirty Mind"—will be made available on all streaming services.

The timing of the release—on the day of the Grammys—was not coincidental. All of the music is expected to be available on all streaming sites by the time the awards show begins and a tribute to the singer is planned during the ceremony.

In a statement, Warner Bros. Records Chairman and CEO Cameron Strang thanked Prince's estate for its help to make the deal possible.

Said Strang: "Prince recorded his most influential and popular music during his time with Warner Bros. and we are deeply aware of our responsibility to safeguard and nurture his incredible legacy. Warner Bros. is thrilled to be able to bring Prince's music to his millions of fans around the world via streaming services, fittingly on music's biggest night."

Prince was famously protective of the rights to his music and before he died chose Tidal to exclusively stream his new music and his catalog because of the financial equity of the deal. The service, which counts Jay Z as one of its owners, held on to those rights after Prince died April 21.

But the superstar died without a will, and decisions were made by his estate, and

Universal Music Publishing became the administrator of his musical rights. Last November, the estate sued Jay Z's Roc Nation to halt Tidal's exclusive streaming rights.

Warner Bros. Records also announced Sunday plans to remaster "Purple Rain," a project Prince was working on before his death, as well as two albums of unreleased music and two concert films from his Paisley Park vault. Those projects will be released June 9, two days after what would have been his 59th birthday.

"When we make any of Prince's music available to fans—from the hits to unreleased gems—we are committed to upholding Prince's high creative standards and we know fans will be thrilled when they hear these albums and see these films," Strang said.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Cops: Trio foils smash-and-grab of Picasso, Rembrandt pieces

BOSTON (AP)—Police say three witnesses helped nab a man who they say tried to steal five paintings from a Boston art gallery, including etchings by Pablo Picasso and Rembrandt. Boston University student Mackenzie Thompson says she and two other students were walking near the Galerie D'Orsay after the Super Bowl

last week when they heard glass breaking. Thompson, of Shelton, Connecticut, says a man walked out with several paintings. The trio chased the man down, apprehended him and flagged down a police officer. Twenty-nine-year-old Jordan Leishman faces charges and remains jailed without bail. It wasn't immediately clear if he has a lawyer. The artworks have been returned. Gallery workers estimate the pieces were collec-

tively worth nearly \$50,000.

In emotional speech, Streep renews harsh criticism of Trump

NEW YORK (AP)—In an emotional speech by turns tearful, defiant and humorous, Meryl Streep doubled down on her harsh criticism of President Donald Trump, and spoke of having become a target since she first took him on in her Golden Globes speech in Janu-

ary. Addressing a cheering audience at a fundraising gala for the Human Rights Campaign, a national LGBT group, Streep referred to Trump's tweet after her Globes speech, in which he called the celebrated actress "overrated." "Yes, I am the most overrated, over-decorated and currently, I am the most over-berated actress ... of my generation," she said to laughs. She noted that she wished she could simply stay home "and

load the dishwasher" rather than take a podium to speak out—but that "the weight of all these honors" she's received in her career compelled her to speak out. "It's terrifying to put the target on your forehead," she said. "And it sets you up for all sorts of attacks and armies of brownshirts and bots and worse, and the only way you can do it is if you feel you have to. You have to! You don't have an option. You have to."

Less is more than enough when mom walks in the nude

DEAR ABBY: I am 26 years old, and my mother still walks around naked in front of me with no warning. I've told her several times that it makes me uncomfortable, but she seems not to take me seriously. In her culture (she's not from the U.S.), walking around naked is no problem. But I'm tired of seeing her breasts unexpectedly.

I'm all about positive body image, but it's strange to me to see a 62-year-old woman's breasts. Am I the one who has an issue? I'm open to any advice or recommendations.

'NUDIE'S' DAUGHTER IN HOUSTON

DEAR DAUGHTER: It appears you are, indeed, the one who has the issue. If you're seeing your mother walk around in a state of undress, I'm guessing that, although you are an adult, you are still living under her roof. In her house, she has the privilege of making the rules, not you. If she is comfortable walking around au naturel, you will either have to accept it or move out. The choice is yours.

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DEAR ABBY: A while ago I noticed that my fiance had been hiding empty cans of beer from me. After I go to sleep (he is a night owl and I usually end up going to sleep first), he goes to the store and buys a can or two of beer. But instead of throwing the empty cans out, he hides them. When I accidentally discovered his hiding place, I told him he didn't have to hide them

from me. Now, every once in a while I check the same spot, and I have noticed that he has been hiding them again.

A beer or two is OK with me, Abby, considering the stresses he deals with at work. What worries me is that he feels the need to hide the cans from me after I told him he doesn't have to. Does this mean he has a bigger problem that needs to be addressed? Please help!

UNSURE IN VIRGINIA

DEAR UNSURE: Yes, he does. Your fiance apparently feels guilty about his nightly beer drinking, which is why he hides the evidence. The two of you need to have a serious conversation about it, preferably BEFORE the wedding.

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DEAR ABBY: There is a reaction that sometimes happens when my daughter and I meet someone new that really frosts me. When someone says, "You look like sisters," I want to say, "Baloney!" In the first place, we do NOT look like sisters -- our 22-year difference is very obvious. I know the speakers think they are flattering me, but what they are really doing is making my daughter think she looks older. Please ask your readers to stop and think before making such fake-flattery comparisons.

BALONEY IN COLORADO

DEAR BALONEY: I can ask my readers to refrain from

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

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saying it, but please explain to your daughter that the compliment is meant for you, indicating that you look young for your age—not that she looks old for hers.

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DEAR READERS: I deeply appreciate the relationship I have with you. You make my life a joy. Please allow me to wish you all a Happy Valentine's Day.

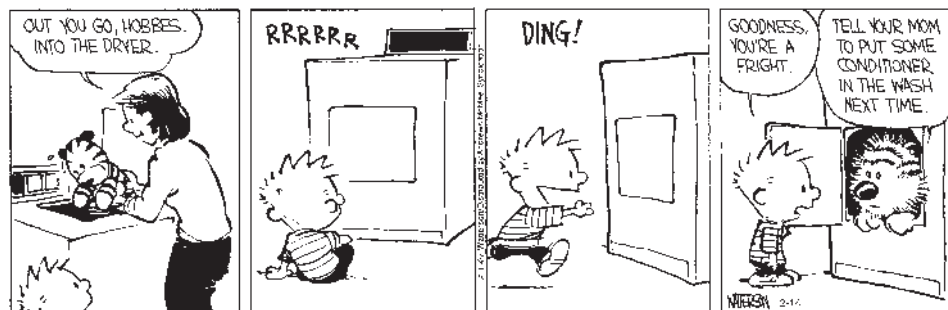
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1 Accomplishment

5 Glutton

8 Small plateau

12 Cookbook author

13 Mex. neighbor

14 Actor

15 Court of justice

17 Fast time?

18 Agrees to

19 Islands near

21 Western resort lake

24 Plow pullers

25 Currier's partner

26 Period in which dinosaurs appeared

30 NASA moon craft

31 "Monopoly" buy

DOWN

1 In shape

2 Goof up

3 Parisian pal

4 Forbidden acts

5 Samples of

6 "Patience" —

7 Milky Way, et al.

8 Honey-dews

9 Pitcher

10 Logical

11 Picnic

16 Guitar's kin

20 Gusto

21 Lean to one side

22 Say it's so

23 Half (Pref.)

24 Lawn care brand

26 First-rate wrap

27 Ganges

28 Mosque

29 Atlantic catches

31 Med. plan options

34 Not level

35 Dismal

37 Pouch

38 Stallion's mate

39 Cameo shape

40 Actress

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44 Wish undone

45 Brit's restroom

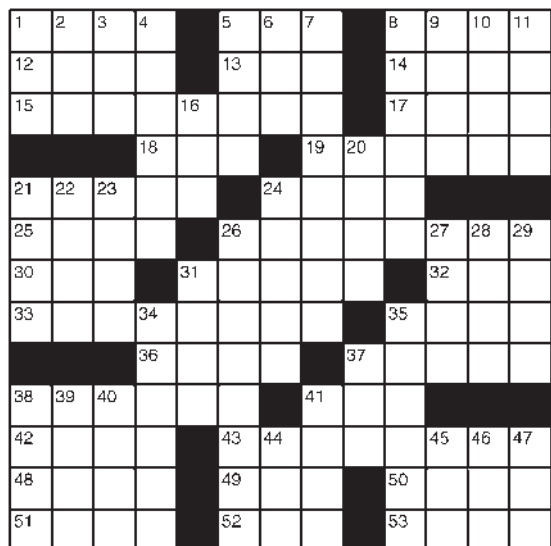
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Yesterday's answer 2-14



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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Draw on the knowledge and experience you have and share your thoughts with those looking for similar results. Intelligence and physical efforts will allow for greater opportunity to build your own foundations for success. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Learn as you go. Put in the time to discover new possibilities. Be a participant and offer alternatives. It's up to you to follow through, so don't wait to be asked to join in. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Work toward a better you. Get into better physical shape. The changes you want to see happen will only take place if you instigate them on your own. Emotional relationships with children, family or your partner will improve with conversation. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep your life simple and your plans within budget. Don't be tempted to keep up with those who profess to be doing spectacularly. Someone

offering false impressions will distract you from reaching your goals. ★★

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Change will be within reach. Take the initiative to reach out and grab what you want. There is no room for hesitation if you want to get ahead. Share your thoughts and make things happen. Engage in intellectual and physical activities. ★★★★★

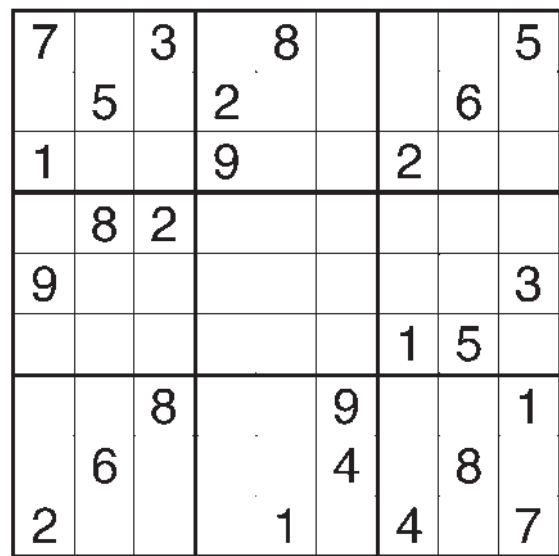
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Check out what's going on behind the scenes, but don't share information about your personal affairs. Learn from the way others behave and the outcome of questionable decisions. Don't feel pressured to participate in something that doesn't interest you. ★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Express the way you feel about situations at work and at home, and you will have a positive impact on the outcome. Your willingness to do the work to make things happen will help you gain respect. ★★★★★

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By Dave Green



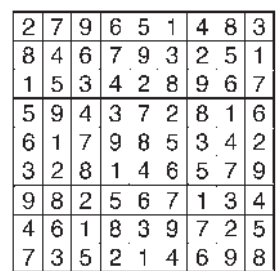
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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A diplomatic approach to any situation you face involving peers, neighbors or relatives will help you avoid trouble. Don't fold under pressure or give in to someone using brawn over brains to get his or her way. ★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Do whatever needs to be done in order to get what you want. Make this a day of celebration. Join forces with someone who contributes positively to your life. Explore, experience and work to become the person you want to be. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't feel overwhelmed or pressured by what others do or say. Make choices that suit you, not those around you. It's important to live up to your standards and beliefs, not someone else's. Observe but don't give in to pressure. ★★★

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Yesterday's Answer: Family Feud
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/HPO-091

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 7, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“UNDERWATER REMOTE SENSING SURVEY OF LAULAU BAY
A PROJECT UNDER THE DCCA, HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE”

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THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS NMIAC 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITIES AND KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

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/S/ HERMAN SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

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RFP NO.: RFP17-DCCA/HPO-092

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP17-DLNR-088

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 09, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC EQUIPMENT SYSTEMS &
INSTALLATION FOR THE KAGMAN WATER WELL PROJECT, SAIPAN, MP
A PROJECT UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCES”

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENSION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

A SITE VISIT IS SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2017 AT 9:00 A.M. AT THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE KAGMAN STATION.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 24, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE DIVISION OF AGRICULTURE KAGMAN STATION CONFERENCE ROOM IN KAGMAN, SAIPAN.

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/S/ RICHARD B. SEMAN
SECRETARY OF DLNR

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

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CNMI GOVERNMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP17-NIMO-087

SUBMISSION DATE: MARCH 9, 2017 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

“PURCHASE OF SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC (PV) AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT
SYSTEMS AND INSTALLATION FOR THE NORTHERN ISLANDS MAYOR'S OFFICE”

THE COMPLETE SCOPE OF WORK MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY, CAPITOL HILL, LOCATED AT THE FORMER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE, SECOND FLOOR, ASCENSION DRIVE, SAIPAN, MP 96950, DURING NORMAL WORKING HOURS.

A PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE IS SCHEDULED ON FEBRUARY 23, 2017 AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE NIMO OFFICE, ASCENSION CT. BUILDING NO. 1345. QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS PROJECT MUST BE MADE TO MR. JEROME K. ALDAN, MAYOR OF NIMO NO LATER THAN 4:30 P.M. LOCAL TIME, FEBRUARY 27, 2017.

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/S/ JEROME K. ALDAN
MAYOR, NORTHERN ISLANDS

/S/ HERMAN SABLAN
DIRECTOR, PROC. & SUPPLY

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NOTICE OF REGULAR SHEFA
BOARD MEETING

In accordance with 1 CMC § 9901 et seq., as amended, the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance (SHEFA) Board hereby gives notice of the Regular Monthly Board Meeting set for Thursday, February 16, 2017 at 9:30 am at the SHEFA Office, 2nd Floor, Ladera Center Building, Beach Road, Saipan..

AGENDA

I. Preliminary Matters
1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Adoption of Minutes from January 26, 2017

II. Public Comments

III. Reports
1. Administrator
2. Chair
3. COMMITTEES
a. Committee on Awards
b. Committee on Appeal/Deferrals/Forbearance
c. Committee on Policy and Procedures
d. Committee on Program and Development
e. Committee of Fiscal, Legislative and Community Affairs

IV. Old Business
1. SHEFA on Disability

V. New Business
1. Spring 2017 Application Status
2. Amended CGPA for new applicants
3. NMTI Request for Open Enrollment

VI. Executive Session – Appeals (closed)

VII. Misc.

VIII. Next Meeting

IX. Adjournment

Note: Meeting may continue the following day should the need arise.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN
MARIANA ISLANDS

ANA E. REYES)
Petitioner.) FCD-DI-CIVIL
) ACTION NO.
vs.) 17-0044

EFRAIN M. REYES)
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) PUBLICATION

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file an answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502286 Saipan MP 96950 as soon as practical after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court for filing.

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Knicks beat Spurs 94-90 to salvage finale of homestand



NEW YORK (AP)—Latrell Sprewell was back in the building and so were many other former Knicks.

Then the current team pulled out a defensive performance from its past.

Carmelo Anthony scored 25 points and New York salvaged the finale of a tumultuous five-game homestand by beating the San Antonio Spurs 94-90 on Sunday.

Two nights after yielding 131 points in a dismal defensive performance against Denver, the Knicks limited the Spurs to 36 percent shooting and didn't let them reach 70 points until fewer than 8 minutes remained.

"That's great to watch. That's the right way to play basketball," Knicks coach Jeff Hornacek said.

Sprewell returned for the first time since Dec. 29, 2004, sitting next to James Dolan two days after the Madison Square Garden chairman banned former player Charles Oakley from the building following his arrest for an altercation with security guards at a game Wednesday.

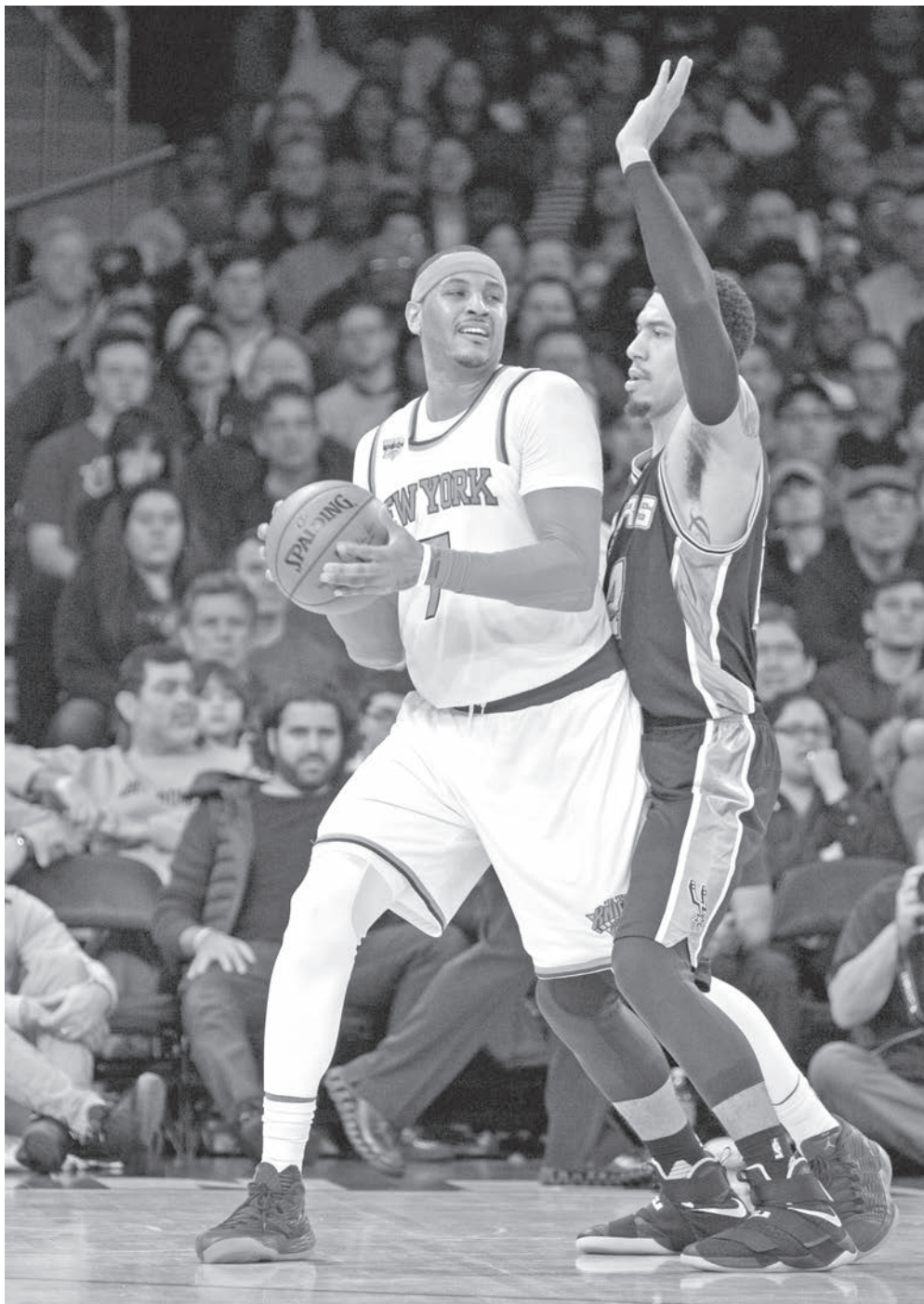
The former players, including Larry Johnson, Bernard King, Vin Baker, Kenny Walker and Herb Williams, visited the team along with Dolan in the locker room after the game.

First, the Knicks of today showed fans they can win with defensive grit, too.

"They want us to compete. I understand that," Anthony said. "Win, lose or draw they want us to go out there and compete on a nightly basis and if we'd have lost this game today, this would have been a game where I can say we competed and the effort was there and everything was there."

Anthony provided offense when the Knicks needed it clinging to a two-point lead, making consecutive baskets to make it 92-86 with 33 seconds remaining.

Kawhi Leonard had 36 points for the Spurs (41-13),



who had their two-game win streak snapped and failed in their first attempt to secure what would have been an NBA-record 20th consecutive winning season.

"The object is to put the ball in that orange ring," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "That's what we are all trying to do. Play a little D at the other end. But that orange ring, that ball's got to go in there. Thirty-six percent from the field and 20 from 3, whatever it was, that's not going to get it

done on the road."

Pistons 102, Raptors 101

In Toronto, Tobias Harris had 24 points off the bench and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope added 21, including a go-ahead 3-pointer with 13.2 seconds left, as Detroit overcame a 16-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Toronto.

Andre Drummond had 10 points and 18 rebounds for his 36th double-double of the season.

DeMar DeRozan scored 26

points for Toronto and Jonas Valanciunas had 17 points and nine rebounds, but it wasn't enough to keep the Raptors from losing for the 10th time in their last 14 games.

Caldwell-Pope made it a two-point game with a pull-up jumper with 47.9 seconds remaining, and put the Pistons in front 102-101 with his 3-pointer.

Timberwolves 117, Bulls 89

In Minneapolis, Andrew Wig-

New York Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony, left, is guarded by San Antonio Spurs forward Danny Green in the second half of an NBA basketball game at Madison Square Garden in New York, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2017.

gins scored 27 points and Karl-Anthony Towns added 22 to help Minnesota beat severely short-handed Chicago.

Ricky Rubio had 17 points, 11 assists and six rebounds and Minnesota shot 54 percent to help coach Tom Thibodeau sweep the season series against his former team. Gor-gui Dieng added 10 points and 13 rebounds.

Doug McDermott scored 16 points and made four 3-pointers for the Bulls. They were missing Jimmy Butler, Dwyane Wade, Nikola Mirotic and Paul Zipser with injuries. The Bulls turned the ball over 18 times, were out-

rebounded 46-35 and were out-scored 56-38 in the paint.

Kings 105, Pelicans 99

In Sacramento, California, DeMarcus Cousins had 28 points, 14 rebounds and seven assists for the Sacramento Kings, who beat the New Orleans Pelicans for their third straight victory.

The Kings assumed the lead late in the third quarter and never relinquished it in winning for the fourth time in five games. The Kings have won three straight games only one other time this season.

Darren Collison had 20 points and eight assists for the Kings.

Anthony Davis had 32 points and 10 rebounds for the Pelicans, but was limited to 11 points following a huge first half. New Orleans has dropped eight of 10 games and is 7-19 on the road.

NBA BRIEFS

Ex-Knick Sprewell returns to MSG, 2 days after Oakley's ban

NEW YORK (AP)—Former Knicks star Latrell Sprewell has returned to Madison Square Garden for the first time in 13 years, just two days after Charles Oakley was banned from the building. Sprewell sat behind the baseline Sunday next to MSG chairman James Dolan, who banned Oakley from the arena after he was arrested last week following an altercation with security while attending a game. Perhaps to back Dolan's point that the franchise has strong relationships with almost all its other former players, the Knicks showed a number of them on the video board during their game against San Antonio, including Larry Johnson, Bernard King, Vin Baker, Kenny Walker and Herb Williams. Sprewell hadn't been here since Dec. 29, 2004, when he played with the Minnesota Timberwolves. The season before, he had cursed at Dolan during a Timberwolves victory in his first game back after being traded. Sprewell spent five seasons with the Knicks, helping them reach the 1999 NBA Finals.

Police: Former Syracuse, Celtics center Fab Melo dead at 26

SAO PAULO (AP)—Former Syracuse University and Boston Celtics center Fab Melo has died in his native Brazil, military police said Sunday. He was 26. An emergency call Saturday night brought police and paramedics to Melo's house in Juiz de Fora, in the southeastern state of Minas

Gerais, according to a police sergeant who gave his name only as Couto. Couto said that when the police arrived, paramedics said Melo was dead, with no signs of violence. "We don't know the cause yet. It's so hard right now, so hard to believe," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim told ESPN. The 7-foot Melo was a star at Syracuse and was named Big East defensive player of the year as a sophomore. But he also had academic issues that forced him to miss the 2012 NCAA Tournament after being declared ineligible. "He was a really good kid, and it's not fair that he will be defined by one thing: a 10-page paper," Boeheim told ESPN. "He worked his tail off to become a really good player and was a nice kid." Melo was a first-round draft pick in 2012 by the Boston Celtics. At the time, Boston's assistant general manager, Ryan McDonough, marveled at how quickly Melo was picking up the game after just a few years of playing it. McDonough said Melo grew up playing soccer in Brazil, where that sport is national obsession. But Melo played only six games for the Celtics, spending most of the season with Maine in the NBA Development League. "I'm so saddened to hear of the passing of Fab Melo," Celtics general manager Danny Ainge wrote on Twitter. "He was a good kid with a big heart. Our prayers go out to all of his loved ones." In August 2013, Melo was traded to the Memphis Grizzlies, who waived him two weeks later. He then signed with the Dallas Mavericks but was waived shortly after.

Source: Nuggets trade Nurkic to Trail Blazers for Plumlee

DENVER (AP)—The Denver Nuggets had high hopes of playing their two young centers side by side this season.

It was an experiment that never quite panned out, making Jusuf Nurkic expendable.

The Nuggets dealt the bruising big man known as the "Bosnian Beast" to the Portland Trail Blazers on Sunday for center Mason Plumlee, a person with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the trade has not been announced.

The Vertical first reported the deal. The Nuggets also re-

ceive a second-round pick and cash, while the Blazers get a first-rounder.

Heading into the season, Denver's plan was to incorporate Nikola Jokic and Nurkic into the starting lineup. It would be a way to distinguish Denver in a copycat league where teams are trying to be fast-paced and free-shooting like the Golden State Warriors.

Only, the bigger lineup didn't always work the way the Nuggets envisioned.

With more and more explosive games from Jokic, the 22-year-old Nurkic wasn't always getting the playing time he expected. Nurkic averaged

eight points this season.

He's still relatively new to the game, not even taking up basketball until he was 14. Nurkic showed glimpses of his talent this season, though, scoring a career-high 23 points at New Orleans on Oct. 26. He grabbed a career-best 18 rebounds at Toronto five days later.

In Portland, Nurkic will be surrounded by sharp-shooters such as Damian Lillard and CJ McCollum. The Blazers sit a game behind Denver for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Before leaving town, Nurkic posted on his Instagram and

Twitter accounts: "Thanks to the opportunities you have given me in the Denver Nuggets. Former teammates, fans and the club I wish all the best. Now it's time for new challenges!"

He closed his post with the hashtag, "RipCity."

Nurkic was taken with the 16th overall pick by the Chicago Bulls in 2014 but was immediately sent to Denver in a draft-night deal. He was hampered last season by a knee injury.

The 26-year-old Plumlee figures to be the perfect backup for Jokic. Both are among the best passing centers in the league.

Mets' Syndergaard prepared to start opening day



PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP)—

New York Mets manager Terry Collins has not officially revealed his opening day starter yet, waiting instead for a spring training announcement.

The worst-kept secret around the Mets is that it will be Noah Syndergaard taking the mound in the top of the first inning at Citi Field when New York opens the season against the Atlanta Braves.

That doesn't mean the right-hander considers himself the staff ace.

"I really wouldn't say I'm the leader of the staff. I think we're all leaders in our own way and we're all pulling for one another," Syndergaard said at the club's spring training home on Sunday, the day before pitchers and catchers report. "It's like a brotherhood within the team. It's really something cool to be a part of."

However, Syndergaard has major factors that play in his favor to be the Mets' first starting pitcher this year.

For starters, he's young, strong, reliable and durable.

In a clubhouse that featured a rotation that ranked among the most oft-injured last year, Syndergaard was the Last Pitcher Standing as the long season unfolded.

Righties Jacob deGrom and Matt Harvey had problems from the start, with both being injured in the spring and see-



In this Aug. 11, 2016, file photo, New York Mets pitcher Noah Syndergaard works against the Arizona Diamondbacks in the first inning of a baseball game in New York.

ing their seasons cut short by surgeries.

Lefty Steven Matz had a nagging bone spur and saw his season end because of a shoulder issue that developed.

Prized right-hander Zack Wheeler had Tommy John surgery in March 2015, made one appearance in a

Florida State League game for High A St. Lucie and was shut down.

Syndergaard, whose nickname is Thor, ultimately could have had another moniker: The Healthy One.

"As far as Terry mentioning (the opening day starter nod), that's just a huge honor

to me. I'm here to answer the call," said Syndergaard, who is recovering from offseason bronchitis and flu. "Whatever the team needs, I'm here to fill that job."

When Collins needed a starter for the win-or-go-home NL wild-card game against the San Francisco

Giants, the manager turned to his workhorse.

Syndergaard, 24, more than held his own in a classic pitchers' duel with southpaw Madison Bumgarner.

He didn't allow a San Francisco hit until the sixth and worked seven scoreless, striking out 10 in an overpowering

outing New York has grown accustomed to.

The Mets ultimately lost 3-0 in Bumgarner's second consecutive shutout in the winner-take-all game.

Syndergaard has bulked up some in the offseason, training at a new facility, monitoring his diet more closely and consuming more protein.

He said the new workouts are more tailored to what he is trying to accomplish, which is to improve on his 14-9 mark, 2.60 ERA and 218 strikeouts last season.

Almost inconceivably, he also wants to throw harder.

Last season he routinely reached 100 mph on his fastball, which averaged 97.9 for the season.

That number was tops in the majors among qualified starting pitchers.

"I always want to throw harder and make the game easier," he said. "I felt my velocity jumped up last year from my rookie season. I'll try to raise that bar."

However, he realizes pitching isn't always about raring back and firing it as hard as he can.

He said his offseason work and preparation should help make him more comfortable in this third season.

"Hopefully, it allows me to go deeper into games with more ease, but also focusing on and maintaining my flexibility," he said. "Pitching's not just max effort; it's all about being fluid."

MLB BRIEFS

Source: Cubs, Strop avoid arbitration with 1-year deal

CHICAGO (AP)—A person familiar with the situation says the World Series champion Chicago Cubs and reliever Pedro Strop have agreed to a \$5.5 million, one-year contract. The person, confirming reports by several outlets, spoke Saturday on the condition of anonymity because the deal has not been announced. Strop had asked for \$6 million in arbitration with the team offering \$4.6 million. The agreement continues a streak for president of baseball operations Theo Epstein, who has never taken a player to an arbitration hearing with Chicago or Boston. Strop was 2-2 with a 2.85 ERA in 54 appearances last season. He came to the Cubs with 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner Jake Arrieta from Baltimore in 2013—a trade that helped the franchise end a 108-year championship drought in 2016.

Families of men killed with Jose Fernandez file lawsuits

MIAMI (AP)—The families of the two men who were with Miami Marlins pitcher Jose Fernandez when his boat crashed into a Miami Beach jetty—killing all three—are suing the All-Star's estate. Attorney Christopher Royer, who is representing the families of 25-year-old Eduardo Rivero and 27-year-old Emilio Jesus Macias, told the Sun Sentinel (<https://goo.gl/upp5d4>) that Rivero's claim was filed Friday, and Macias' will be filed Monday. Each family is seeking \$2 million. Authorities say Fernandez had cocaine and alcohol in his system at the time of the September crash, though it's not clear whether Fernandez was driving. The attorney representing Fernandez's family, Ralph Fernandez, told the Sun Sentinel a settlement is "highly unlikely," saying the official crash investigation has not been completed, but he expects it to find Jose Fernandez was not driving the boat when it crashed.

Braves acquire Brandon Phillips from Reds in trade

ATLANTA (AP)—The Atlanta Braves acquired three-time All-Star Brandon Phillips on Sunday from the Cincinnati Reds in exchange for two pitchers.

The Braves traded away left-hander Andrew McKirahan and minor league right-hander Carlos Portuondo.

Braves general manager John Coppolella called Phillips a "Gold Glove-caliber defender who will also deepen our offensive lineup."

"We are thrilled to 'welcome home' Brandon to Atlanta, where he will play in front of his family and friends and many of his fans," Coppolella said.

Phillips graduated from Redan High School in Stone Mountain, Georgia, in 1999, when he was drafted in the second round by the Montreal Expos. He made his debut with the Cleveland Indians in 2002.

Phillips, a 35-year-old second baseman, is signed through the 2017 season.

He had a full no-trade clause, having at least 10 years of playing experience including five with his current



This Aug. 13, 2016 photo shows Cincinnati Reds' Brandon Phillips during a baseball game against the Milwaukee Brewers in Milwaukee.

team. After being traded to the Braves, his contract reverts to a partial no-trade clause, which lists 12 teams to which he cannot be traded.

"It should be noted that we never included no-trade or limited-trade provisions for players such as Hall of Famers Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and John Smoltz, as well as future Hall of Famers Chipper Jones, Fred McGriff and Andruw Jones, and we have no intention to include these provisions in the future," Coppolella said.

Phillips has a .275 batting average with 334 double and 197 home runs in his 15 seasons in the majors. He is only 137 hits shy of 2,000 for his career.

McKirahan, 27, was claimed off waivers by the Braves from the Miami Marlins in 2015. He had Tommy John surgery, causing him to miss last season.

Portuondo signed with the Braves as a free agent last year after eight seasons in the Cuban league with Santiago. He pitched in 17 games for Single-A Carolina and Triple-A Gwinnett.

TanHoldings, Mariana Resort still undefeated

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TanHoldings and Mariana Resort & Spa kept their unbeaten records

after downing separate opponents in the JEM Company Ltd./Mobil Customer Appreciation Basketball League last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

TanHoldings survived Triple J's first-quarter storm last Friday, 107-96, to improve to a 5-0 record and remain on top of Pool A, while Mariana Resort is ahead in Pool B with its 4-0 card following an 82-62 triumph over D&Q/CTSI last Thursday.

Triple J stunned TanHoldings in the opening period after taking a 30-14 advantage. Aric Oris scored 10 points in Triple J's early juggernaut, while five of his teammates also scored in the first canto to build a double-digit lead.

TanHoldings fell behind as it fielded its second stringers majority of the opening frame and played without Matt and Ernest Duenas.

Douglas Schmidt did not start for TanHoldings and only came in past midway of the first quarter. He then took mat-



TanHoldings' Douglas Schmidt is up and away for a fasbreak layup during the first quarter of their game in the JEM/Mobil caging last Friday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

ters into his owns hands after seeing his team in trouble and scored 10 points. The former

Palau National Team member kept going in the second half and TanHoldings was back in

business as it scored 38 point to regain the upper hand, 52-47.

TanHoldings never relinquished the driver's seat with Schmidt still on fire in the second half and Lerio Pagarao putting the finishing touches on the team's fifth win after scoring 12 of his 20 points in the final canto. Schmidt led all scorers with his 36 markers.

In last Thursday's game, Mel Sakisat Jr. exploded for 32 points to lift Mariana Resort to a 20-point winning margin.

Thursday Game

Mariana Resort 82 – Sakisat 32, Factor 12, Fidelino 11, J. Lifofoi 2, Ermitanio 2.

D&Q/CTSI 62 – Jinang 16, Rivera 13, Tenepere 10, Fujihara 6, Rabago 4, Asavao 4, Santos 4, Echavez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 19-7, 41-23, 56-45, 82-62.

Friday Game

TanHoldings 107 – Schmidt 36, Pagarao 20, Pablo 14, Quizon 10, Macoto 6, Esdrelon 5, Matsutaro 4, Nonato 3, Villamena 2.

Triple J 96 – Oris 25, Inos 22, Mamaril 19, Palacios 11, Jarabe 4, Medina 4, Obnimaga 3.

Scoring by quarters: 14-30, 52-47, 84-70, 107-96.

Spieth piling up wins at rate not seen since Tiger Woods

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif.

(AP)—Winning has come so quickly for Jordan Spieth that even at age 23, he wondered if he took it for granted.

He got some perspective from a victory Sunday at the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am that was dull as it was dominant.

Few walks up the 18th hole are more enjoyable than Pebble Beach, especially with the sun gleaming off the Pacific and the sound of waves on the shore. It's even better with a four-shot lead, with nothing left to do but hoist the trophy.

Spieth's four-shot victory after closing with a 2-under 70 was the ninth of his PGA Tour career in 100 tournaments, making him the youngest player since Tiger Woods to claim that many titles.

"I remember walking up 18 today thinking to myself, 'I don't think that I've enjoyed the wins as much as I've talked to myself about the losses,'" Spieth said. "I don't think I've really enjoyed on

the inside how much it takes to win out here and the hard work that goes into winning."

He sure made it look easy.

Spieth effectively won this tournament late Saturday afternoon, when he took only 10 putts on the back nine and closed with three birdies over his final four holes to build a six-shot lead.

He thought about Woods when he set out to play the final round.

Spieth was only 6 when Woods won the 2000 U.S. Open at Pebble Beach with a record 15-shot victory. Woods set a private goal of not making a bogey in the final round, and he wound up playing the final 26 holes without dropping a shot.

"I don't remember watching it, but I remember watching highlights of Tiger trying to hold his bogey-free round when he had such a big lead," Spieth said. "That was kind of his goal. That was mine today. Hey, let's try and keep a clean card. ... Played a lot of boring golf today, which is exactly what was needed."

Spieth played his final 28 holes without a bogey, not as remarkable as what Woods did in U.S. Open conditions, but it did the trick.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	35	19	.648	—
Toronto	32	23	.582	3½
New York	23	33	.411	13
Philadelphia	20	34	.370	15
Brooklyn	9	45	.167	26

Southeast Division

Washington	32	21	.604	—
Atlanta	31	23	.574	1½
Charlotte	24	30	.444	8½
Miami	24	31	.436	9
Orlando	20	36	.357	13½

Central Division

Cleveland	37	16	.698	—
Indiana	29	25	.537	8½
Chicago	26	29	.473	12
Detroit	26	29	.473	12
Milwaukee	23	30	.434	14

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

San Antonio	41	13	.759	—
Houston	40	17	.702	2½
Memphis	33	23	.589	9
Dallas	22	32	.407	19
New Orleans	21	34	.382	20½

Northwest Division

Utah	34	21	.618	—
Oklahoma City	31	24	.564	3
Denver	24	30	.444	9½
Portland	23	31	.426	10½
Minnesota	21	34	.382	13

Pacific Division

Golden State	46	8	.852	—
L.A. Clippers	33	21	.611	13
Sacramento	23	32	.418	23½
L.A. Lakers	19	37	.339	28
Phoenix	17	38	.309	29½

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6-3. Tony and Lee set a quarter-final duel against Ramsey and Kim after eliminating David Kwon and Sam Ryu, 6-1, 6-3.

With its 2-0 record, Ramsey and Kim arranged a game against Riko Ojima and Brian Wessel for one of the two semis slots at the lower half of the 32-team draw. Ramsey and Kim's streak (sets won) then ended when the third-seeded Ojima and Wessel took the opening set, 6-2. In the second set, the opposing teams battled back and forth with Ramsey and Kim pulling off a 6-4 vic-

tory. The eventual first semi-finalists then completed the come-from-behind win after a 10-6 triumph in the super-tiebreaker third set. Ojima and Wessel before bowing to Ramsey and Kim drew a bye in the opening round and topped Boome Park and Ken Xue, 6-0, 6-1, to advance to the quarterfinals of the lower half of the bracket.

The pairs of Seo Hee Lee and Jeff Race and Bobby Cruz and Richard Steele are also at the bottom half of the draw and the winner of their game this Saturday will challenge Ramsey and Kim in the semifinals.

Cruz and Steele are seeded

second in the event and forged a quarterfinal showdown against Seo Hee and Race after dominating Chelsea Kang and Peter Loken, 6-1, 6-0. Race and Seo, on the other hand, notched two wins to make it to the next round. They first downed Andrew Chung and Malika Miyawaki, 6-1, 7-6, and then ousted Allan Lee and Eugene Park, 6-3, 6-4.

At the upper half of the draw, three seeded pairs moved into the Round of 8. The top-ranked duo of Daniel Kang and Don Min Lee defeated Jiwoon Kwon and Luther Lizama, 6-2, 6-1, to march into the quarterfinals. Kwon and Lizama earlier

for Fiesta in the penultimate period, dropping 9 markers in the third.

Fiesta went on to keep the double-digit spread in the final canto, as IT&E was held without a field goal in the first six minutes and change of the payoff period and was limited to one free throw from Travilla. A long jumper from Tawnie Manibusan ended IT&E's silence, but the damage had been done, as Alipio finished off their foes by scoring her team's last 4 markers.

Alipio had 6 in the final canto to top-score for Fiesta with her 19 markers. Pagarao chipped in 16 and she and Alipio's production were enough to offset IT&E's total output.

Reyes paced IT&E with her

11 markers, but was scoreless in the second half. Travilla contributed 7, but made only two field goals and missed all her attempts from downtown. With Reyes off in the second half and Travilla also struggling on offense, it did not help that IT&E lacked players that could step up in the most important game of the season. No other IT&E players hit more than one field goal in their title loss.

Fiesta 48 – Alipio 19, Pagarao 16, Tuazon 6, Phan 5, Joyce 2.

IT&E 32 – Reyes 11, Travilla 7, G. Villagomez 4, J. Villagomez 2, Manibusan 2, Tam 2, Siram 2.

Scoring by quarters: 10-11, 20-15, 38-25, 48-32.

beat Nicky Nichols and Nason Wessel, 6-3, 6-3, before losing to Kang and Dong Min, who will face in the quarterfinals the seventh-ranked duo of Steven Goodwin and Seung Won Lee.

Seung Won and Goodwin barged into the Round of 8 after outlasting Anika Camacho and Tisha Ferrer, 4-6, 6-4, 10-8, and downing Andy Cho and Ami Tsukagoshi, 6-0, 6-1. Cho and Tsukagoshi set up a second round tiff against Goodwin and Seung Won Lee after sweeping Maria Gregoire and Danny Jeong, 6-4, 6-2.

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his shot in the 53rd, but still Kanoa failed to overhaul the deficit, while Weaver handed MP United its lone goal in the second half (52nd minute).

In the boys U17 division, MP United was also in control of the match after drawing goals from five different players. James Kim registered two goals for MP United, while Sunjoon Tenorio, Skyler Poon, Joshua Abragan, and Chris Aninzo logged one each.

In other results, fall season champion Kanoa 1 was on target en route to a 14-8 victory over TanHoldings FC in the co-ed U12 division.

Jim Kurt Maniago and Markus Toves scored three goals apiece for Kanoa, while

Heras, who are seeded sixth in the field, also needed only two sets to dispatch their opponents. They first posted a 6-1, 7-5 triumph over Ken Song and Jun Wang and then eased past Brandon Lee and Moris Villanueva, 6-4, 6-0, to schedule a quarterfinals match against the unranked pair of Jaeyun Jung and Tania Tan.

Tan and Jung got a Round of 8 ticket after easing past Grace Choi and La Hunn Lam, 6-3, 6-1, and pulling off a 6-4, 1-6, 10-7 upset against No. 4 Vincent Tudela and Anthony Gregoire.

Sean Gil, Joe Amil Antonio, and Daniel Mark Pablo chipped in two each. Also making it to the board for the winning squad were Andrew Sablan and Jerome Quidato.

Angelo Pulido had a hat trick for TanHoldings in a losing effort. Anthony Bergancia recorded two, while Christian Domulot, Anthony Austria, and Ariel Narvaez contributed one each.

TanHoldings earlier won its first game of the season in the boys U17 division after slipping past Matansa FC, 2-1.

Mark Esalan made the game-winning goal in the 54th minute. John Michael Rojas scored the other goal for TanHoldings in the 19th minute, while Matansa's lone goal came from Ray Herbass Lieto four minutes earlier.

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into the finals after outclassing CTSI, 58-46.

Fiesta trimmed the lead to a solitary point as it made two triples—one each from Chevy Kate Alipio and Jasmine Phan—and Irish Pagarao tallied 4 points. Another 10-point output in the second quarter put Fiesta on top at the break, as IT&E was held to 4 in that canto. Reyes and Travilla canned one field goal apiece in IT&E's meltdown.

IT&E regrouped in the third quarter, however, Fiesta played its best offensive game in that frame to turn a 20-15 halftime edge to a baker's dozen lead, 38-25. Alipio starred

2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament U16 Finals

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The 670 Sonics' Sean Apasan, right, and Rollers 1's A.J. Hudkins jockey for position in the rebound play during the fourth quarter of their title game in the boys U16 division of the 2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



The 670 Sonics' Jester Kintaro, right, and Rollers 1's Jude Tengco run after the loose ball.



Two 670 Sonics player and one from Rollers 1 get ready in the rebound play.



Rollers 1's Jelbert Quitugua pulls up for a shot in front of 670 Sonics defenders.



Rollers 1's Jude Tengco goes up for a reverse shot.



The 670 Sonics' Rafael Ordon, left, tries to keep the ball away from Rollers 1's Jelbert Quitugua.



A Rollers 1 player, center, faces two 670 Sonics defenders.



Rollers 1 coach Joe Diaz huddles with his players before the game resumes.



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Perfect Fiesta tops IT&E

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Fiesta Resort & Spa capped its undefeated run in the 2016 TanHoldings Christmas Basketball Tournament with a 48-32 victory over IT&E in their title match in the women's division last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The highly favored Fiesta was threatened only in the first quarter, but once it got into its rhythm, the eventual champion had cruise control en route to clinching the division championship. Fiesta finished the tournament unbeaten in

nine matches, including a seven-game sweep in the elimination. Victory No. 8 came at the expense of Sun Palace, 41-20, allowing Fiesta to set up a title showdown against IT&E.

In the winner-take-all finale, IT&E seemed ready to take a



cue from Rollers 1's upset over the Sonics in the earlier boys U16 championship game as the former zoomed to a 6-0 advantage. Karleen Reyes knocked back-to-back triples to give IT&E a good start and drilled one more trey late in the opening canto to give her team a shaky lead, 11-10. Jan Travilla scored the 2 other points for IT&E, which moved

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Irish Pagarao takes off for a layup against IT&E's Karleen Reyes during the fourth quarter of their title game in the women's division of the TanHoldings holiday caging last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Twin wins for MP United



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MP United Football Club opened its campaign in the 2017 NMIFA Youth Spring League with a pair of victories last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

In the boys U17 division morning match, MP United shut down Kanoa FC, 6-0, while in the afternoon tiff for the co-ed U12 age group, the former edged Kanoa 2, 6-4.

Kristopher Pascual and Andrew Chung scored two goals apiece in MP United's second-debut win against Kanoa in the co-ed U12 division. Ryan Pangilinan and Garette Weaver chipped in one goal each. Ronian Laxamana tallied all goals of Kanoa FC.

Pascual hit the board first with his shot in the 12th minute, while Laxamana made the equalizer a minute later. Pascual got another one in the 25th

minute, while Chung duplicated the latter's feat with his conversation in the 22nd and 28th minute, and Pangilinan recorded his

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
MP United Football Club's Jun Bum Huh beats two Kanoa FC players to the ball during the first half of their boys U17 division game in the NMIFA spring youth league last Saturday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

lone goal in the 23rd for MP United's 5-1 halftime edge.

In the second half, MP United was silent for a while, while Laxamana gave Kanoa two more goals (40th and 48th minute) to keep his team in the game, 3-5. Laxamana made four goals in a row with

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Colin, Andy near finale

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Junior players Colin Ramsey and Andy Kim took the first semis seat in the mixed-up doubles event in the 2017 White Coconut Tennis Classic after sweeping

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Colin Ramsey, right, approaches the net for a return, while teammate Andy Kim looks on during the second set of their mixed-up doubles game against Riko Ojima and Brian Wessel in the 2017 White Coconut Tennis Classic last Sunday at the Pacific Islands Club courts.



their games over the weekend at the Pacific Islands Club courts.

Ramsey and Kim were first paired against Flor Jones and fellow junior player J.C. Ferrer and prevailed in straight sets last Saturday, 6-0, 6-1. The fifth-ranked Ramsey and Kim then made it two in a row after another victory via sweep against the tandem of Tony Kim and Danny Lee, 6-3,

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